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This Kids Count data book presents a statistical portrait of the well-being of and conditions faced by the children of Kansas, based on key indicators. Nineteen indicators are detailed in five subject areas: (1) economic well-being; (2) physical health and safety; (3) educational achievement; (4) emotional well-being; and (5) social behavior and social control. Data are presented in a table format by individual indicator and by county, and include comparative information concerning current year and past years and the percent of change over time. A demographic description of each county and a short summary highlighting individual county findings are provided. The findings indicate both improvements and worsened conditions. Areas of improvement include: (1) Head Start participation of children ages 3 and 4 living below the poverty level; (2) reported child abuse and neglect; (3) births that received prenatal care; (4) high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education/training; and (5) childhood deaths. Indicators with worsening findings include: (1) births to single teens; (2) out-of-home placements; (3) teen violent deaths; (4) children living in poverty; (5) children under 18 receiving assistance; (6) confirmed child abuse/neglect; (7) low birth weight babies; (8) kindergartners fully immunized by age 2; (9) high school graduations; and (10) juvenile arrests. The report's appendices explain selection of indicators and include data notes and sources. (SD)

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FOREWARD

There is something about a family album that opens a window of understanding about the people pictured. It brings to mind good times and bad, reveals a circle of family and friends and shows promise of a future yet to be.

The *1994 Kansas Kids Count Data Book, Portrait of Tomorrow*, should be viewed in much the same way. The 19 featured indicators and demographic data give us a clear vision of some of the problems that Kansas children live with every day--problems like poverty, teen pregnancy, death, educational failure, child abuse and neglect, arrest, out-of-home placement and alcohol and drug use.

For some Kansas children, the picture is an improving one with a positive change over time. Some counties have committed to making a difference and their time and resources are showing good results. But, for children in other counties the picture has worsened.

By presenting data on the well-being of the state's children on a county-by-county basis, the *Kansas Kids Count Data Book* gives us the opportunity to put faces with the numbers. The county data are more than just statistics; they are the children next door, the ones you meet at the grocery store, the ones who sit next to you on the bus ride home.

Use this as a conversation-starter in your community. Are the numbers correct? Is there a simple answer? Have any efforts been made to make a difference? Are the county's policymakers aware of the problem? How does the county compare to other counties and the state as a whole? If change is needed, where should we/can we start?

The *1994 Kansas Kids Count Data Book, Portrait of Tomorrow*, is the second annual data book. The first book, *A Road Map for Our Future*, was released in early 1993. Kansas Action for Children, one of three partners responsible for the Kansas Kids Count project, plans to release the book annually over a number of years so that we may more accurately measure progress in these important areas of child well-being.

The *Kansas Kids Count* project is made possible by a grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation who produces an annual state-by-state data book concerning the well-being of children. Kansas is one of 47 *Kids Count* states who annually publish a data book of sub-state information.

While the pages of this "album" about our children may not always be encouraging, it is the hope of the *Kansas Kids Count* partners that the information it presents will help us better direct our resources to insure a promising future for the children of Kansas.

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1994 KANSAS INDICATORS

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OVERVIEW OF INDICATORS AND SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Just as a portrait is a combination of many elements, the *1994 Kansas Kids Count Data Book, Portrait of Tomorrow*, uses a range of indicators to present a balanced perspective for considering the well-being of Kansas children.

INDICATORS

The 19 indicators selected for the *1994 Kansas Data Book* are grouped into five areas which are critical to the overall growth and development of a child: Economic Well-Being; Physical Health and Safety; Educational Achievement; Emotional Well-Being; Physical Health and Safety; Educational Achievement; Emotional Well-Being; and Social Behavior and Social Control.

Within these categories are several new indicators: Children Receiving Economic Assistance; Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol; and Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs. Additionally, demographic data now includes Children Under Age 6 with Parents in the Labor Force (either both parents working or one parent working in a single-parent family). Another new piece of demographic information is the County Seat for the featured county.

Three indicators listed in the *1993 Kansas Data Book* have been omitted. Because the number of Children Living in Single-Parent Families is only available at the county level once every 10 years (from the decennial census), this indicator was not included. Juvenile Incarceration was dropped because this measure was difficult to interpret from county to county. High School Graduate Unemployment was also omitted because rates were too low for any meaningful interpretation of variation over time or across counties.

OTHER CHANGES

In order to keep the information easy to understand, several other changes were made in this, the second annual *Kansas Kids Count Data Book*. Whenever possible, the rate of occurrence is expressed as a percent; with the exception of death rates, other rates are per 1,000 children, a number easier to comprehend in lightly-populated counties. Base years and current years are included on county pages as well as indicator pages. And, when available, base year data are the averages over a two-to-five-year period to give a more accurate picture of past performance versus current year data. The only exceptions are indicators based on U.S. Census data such as Children in Poverty and new indicators based on newly available information.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

In using *Kansas Kids Count* data to paint a picture of conditions for our children, it is useful to first look at changes over time. Are conditions improving or worsening for the state's children?

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

Current year data for the *1994 Kansas Kids Count Data Book* shows improvement in just five areas: Childhood Death Rate, a 13 percent improvement from the base years; Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training, a 9 percent improvement; Percent of Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level, a 6 percent improvement; Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care, a 3 percent improvement; and Reported Child Abuse/Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18, a 1 percent improvement.

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This is the second year in a row that *Kansas Kids Count Data* has shown progress in the rates of Childhood Death and High School Graduate Post-Secondary Education/Training. Although there was a slight decline in the rate of Reported Child Abuse/Neglect figures, the reporting method has changed this year and these numbers cannot be viewed as a trend.

AREAS OF DECLINE

Alarming, conditions are worsening for ten indicators.

The area of greatest concern continues to be those three indicators which reflect the economic well-being of children. The percent of Births to Single Teens climbed to 8.6 percent of all births, a 19 percent increase from the average of the previous five years. The Percent of Children Living in Poverty increased by 25 percent between the 1980 and 1990 census. Using the new indicator, Children Under 18 Receiving Assistance in combination with the Children Living in Poverty data, it is important to note that in 10 Kansas counties, half or more of the children living in poverty are not receiving assistance.

A second area that offers a discouraging picture is that of emotional well-being. Two of the four indicators in this section worsened by 17 percent. The Kansas Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 children went from 7.5 for the base years to 8.8 in the current year and Teen Violent Deaths showed a reversal in the positive trend of past years with the rate climbing to 82.0 from the base years rate of 69.9. The Confirmed Child Abuse/Neglect Rate has increased from the base years, but, as noted with Reported Child Abuse/Neglect data, the reporting method has changed and these numbers are not easily compared with past reports.

Other indicators which report a worsening over time include the Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2, a decline of 6 percent; the Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies, which increased by 4 percent; the Percent of All Births to Mothers with Less than a High School Degree, which increased by 6 percent; the Percent of Students Graduating from High School, a decline of 1 percent; and the Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Ages 15-19, which increased by 10 percent.

NEW INFORMATION

Two new indicators, Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol and Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs, show us that Kansas children are involved in this high risk behavior. One in twelve Kansas Children use alcohol once a week or more often; 27 percent report that they have tried marijuana, cocaine, inhalants, LSD or steroids. These are indicators that bear watching. We must work together so that all Kansas counties participate in the survey which provides this data.

CONCLUSION

Improvements in the area of child well-being in Kansas have been slow in coming. Only five of 19 indicators in this, the second annual *Kansas Kids Count Data Book*, show improvement.

If we are to make a difference in the lives of the children who live and grow-up in this state, we must use this report as a benchmark. The *Kansas Kids Count Data Book*, released annually, is a statistical portrait of conditions for Kansas children and is one measure of accountability. Sometimes just slowing the trend can even be viewed as a success.

A portrait comes from the proper arrangement of many elements. We must use the elements that shape our children as recorded by the *Kansas Kids Count* indicators to help set priorities. The resulting portrait of today's children tomorrow will repay the effort many times over.

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BIRTHS TO SINGLE TEENS

The consequences of early childbearing to single teens are so devastating and far-reaching that they can hardly be ignored. There is substantial evidence that teens who give birth are more likely to drop out of school and experience long-term welfare dependency. In addition, babies born to single teens are far more likely to experience negative outcomes such as low birth weight, developmental delays and behavioral problems. The costs of out-of-wedlock teen births to communities as well as to the mothers and babies is extremely high.

In 1980, 2,289 babies were born to single teens. By 1990, that number was 3,024; and in 1992 there were 3,268 births to single teens. The rate of births to single teens rose 19 percent from the base years, 1987-1991, to 1992.

Counties with a high percentage of births to single teens include Brown, Cherokee, Finney, Greenwood, Kearny, Labette, Montgomery, Seward, Sherman and Wyandotte. Residents in six counties, Comanche, Graham, Greeley, Hamilton, Sheridan and Smith, recorded no births to single teens in 1992.

	BASE YEARS - 1987-91			CURRENT YEAR - 1992			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER TEEN BIRTHS	% TEEN BIRTHS	DECILE RANK	NUMBER TEEN BIRTHS	% TEEN BIRTHS	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	13	6.9	8	13	7.4	7	7
ANDERSON	5	5.3	6	7	7.3	6	39
ATCHISON	22	9.1	10	22	10.2	9	13
BARBER	5	5.9	7	3	4.3	3	-27
BARTON	28	6.1	7	33	8.2	8	35
BOURBON	19	8.9	10	17	8.8	8	-1
BROWN	11	6.7	8	18	12.5	10	85
BUTLER	40	5.7	6	51	6.9	6	22
CHASE	2	4.3	5	3	9.4	8	116
CHAUTAUQUA	3	5.6	6	4	11.1	9	100
CHEROKEE	34	12.0	10	45	16.3	10	36
CHEYENNE	1	2.3	1	1	2.9	2	27
CLARK	1	2.3	1	1	3.1	2	36
CLAY	5	4.8	5	7	5.1	4	7
CLOUD	7	5.7	7	6	5.4	4	-6
COFFEY	7	6.8	8	9	9.8	8	44
COMANCHE	1	4.0	4	0	0.0	1	-100
COWLEY	51	9.9	10	52	9.9	8	0
CRAWFORD	31	7.2	8	47	10.1	9	40
DECATUR	1	1.3	1	1	3.1	2	147
DICKINSON	10	3.8	3	15	5.6	4	49
DONIPHAN	8	8.1	9	7	7.3	6	-9
DOUGLAS	53	5.0	5	70	6.7	6	35
EDWARDS	3	6.3	7	3	7.3	7	16
ELK	2	4.4	5	2	7.1	6	61
ELLIS	12	3.6	3	13	4.4	3	22
ELLSWORTH	4	5.7	7	3	5.0	4	-13
FINNEY	62	8.2	9	108	12.5	10	53
FORD	48	8.7	9	61	10.7	9	23
FRANKLIN	25	7.4	9	28	8.1	7	10
GEARY	58	5.1	6	78	6.3	5	22
GOVE	1	1.4	1	2	7.4	7	446
GRAHAM	1	3.0	2	0	0.0	1	-100

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GRANT	9	7.3	9	10	8.1	7	11
GRAY	3	3.6	3	3	3.8	3	5
GREELEY	2	6.6	7	0	0.0	1	-100
GREENWOOD	7	8.2	9	9	12.2	10	49
HAMILTON	2	7.2	8	0	0.0	1	-100
HARPER	3	3.8	4	6	6.7	6	75
HARVEY	17	4.2	4	30	7.3	6	75
HASKELL	3	4.3	4	4	5.3	4	21
HODGEMAN	1	4.3	4	3	11.1	9	157
JACKSON	11	7.0	8	8	5.4	4	-23
JEFFERSON	7	3.5	3	13	7.0	6	97
JEWELL	1	3.1	2	1	2.9	2	-8
JOHNSON	159	2.9	2	193	3.4	2	18
KEARNY	6	7.2	8	8	12.1	10	68
KINGMAN	5	4.3	5	8	8.2	7	88
KIOWA	2	3.7	3	2	4.3	3	16
LABETTE	35	10.2	10	34	11.2	10	10
LANE	1	2.7	2	1	3.4	2	26
LEAVENWORTH	64	7.4	9	64	7.7	7	5
LINCOLN	1	3.3	2	1	3.0	2	-9
LINN	7	6.6	7	7	8.0	7	22
LOGAN	1	3.6	3	2	5.6	4	52
LYON	34	6.3	7	35	7.0	6	12
MARION	5	3.8	4	4	2.5	1	-34
MARSHALL	5	3.2	2	4	3.6	3	13
MCPHERSON	13	3.5	3	15	4.3	3	21
MEADE	1	1.9	1	4	6.3	5	233
MIAMI	17	5.0	6	22	7.3	6	46
MITCHELL	3	3.4	2	3	3.8	3	12
MONTGOMERY	61	11.3	10	56	13.6	10	20
MORRIS	4	4.8	5	5	6.3	5	30
MORTON	2	4.3	4	5	11.1	9	158
NEMAHA	2	1.6	1	1	.8	1	-49
NEOSHO	17	7.3	9	20	10.2	9	39
NESS	2	3.8	3	1	2.6	1	-30
NORTON	3	4.3	4	3	4.6	4	7
OSAGE	15	7.4	9	9	4.4	4	-41
OSBORNE	2	3.5	2	3	6.3	5	80
OTTAWA	2	3.8	3	4	7.4	7	96
PAWNEE	5	5.9	7	5	6.2	5	5
PHILLIPS	3	4.2	4	2	3.3	2	-22
POTTAWATOMIE	13	5.2	6	7	3.0	2	-43
PRATT	4	3.1	2	7	5.8	5	89
RAWLINS	2	5.2	6	2	5.9	5	14
RENO	65	7.8	9	68	8.8	8	13
REPUBLIC	2	3.2	2	4	5.9	5	84
RICE	10	7.1	8	8	6.5	6	-9
RILEY	24	2.6	1	36	4.0	3	54
ROOKS	4	4.9	5	6	8.5	8	73
RUSH	1	2.6	1	1	2.8	1	6
RUSSELL	4	5.0	6	2	3.0	2	-40
SALINE	54	7.3	8	64	8.3	8	13
SCOTT	4	5.0	6	6	8.3	8	67
SEDGWICK	656	8.8	10	805	10.6	9	21
SEWARD	47	12.1	10	52	13.8	10	14
SHAWNEE	232	9.6	10	245	10.5	9	10
SHERIDAN	1	3.1	2	0	0.0	1	-100
SHERMAN	9	8.4	9	11	12.9	10	53
SMITH	2	5.0	5	0	0.0	1	-100
STAFFORD	3	4.5	5	3	5.7	4	26
STANTON	2	5.6	6	3	7.3	7	31
STEVENS	4	4.9	5	6	7.2	6	46
SUMNER	24	6.6	7	33	9.1	8	38
THOMAS	6	5.1	6	6	5.4	4	4
TREGO	1	1.6	1	1	2.8	1	72
WABAUNSEE	3	4.1	4	5	6.0	5	44
WALLACE	2	5.8	7	1	4.2	3	-28
WASHINGTON	2	2.6	1	3	3.9	3	52
WICHITA	1	3.6	3	5	11.1	9	210
WILSON	9	7.0	8	13	10.7	9	53
WOODSON	1	3.5	3	2	6.3	5	78
WYANDOTTE	471	15.6	10	525	18.2	10	17
KANSAS	2,779	7.2		3,268	8.6		19

Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Base years are 1987-1991.

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CHILDREN IN POVERTY

Living in poverty is difficult, especially for children. Poor children are more likely than other children to have nutritional problems, experience violence, lack access to health care, live in dangerous housing and cope with developmental delays.

The data presented here comes from the 1990 United States census and will not be updated until the year 2000. It is disappointing to realize that Kansans must wait ten years for this crucial information.

Kansas Kids Count will be working with various state agencies to develop better year-by-year measures of childhood poverty. In the interim, we are presenting the 1990 census-based data along with the numbers of children receiving economic assistance from the state in an attempt to provide helpful information.

The number of children living in poverty increased by 25 percent during the decade of the 1980's. It is particularly acute in seven Kansas counties where at least one in four children live in poverty. Those counties include: Bourbon, Chase, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Marion, Wallace and Wyandotte.

Only two counties, Clark and Johnson, have less than 5 percent or one in 20 children living in poverty.

	BASE YEARS - 1979			CURRENT YEAR - 1992			
COUNTY	NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN POVERTY	% CHILDREN IN POVERTY	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN POVERTY	% CHILDREN IN POVERTY	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	507	12	5	761	20	8	63
ANDERSON	382	16	8	302	15	5	-6
ATCHISON	638	13	6	945	22	9	73
BARBER	220	14	7	196	13	3	-9
BARTON	779	9	2	1306	17	6	84
BOURBON	613	16	8	944	25	10	59
BROWN	501	16	8	674	22	9	41
BUTLER	898	7	1	1296	9	1	30
CHASE	111	14	7	183	25	10	78
CHAUTAUQUA	174	15	8	284	28	10	83
CHEROKEE	1079	18	9	1690	31	10	76
CHEYENNE	150	17	8	144	19	8	13
CLARK	48	8	1	20	3	1	-57
CLAY	344	14	7	444	19	8	39
CLOUD	438	15	7	413	17	6	13
COFFEY	351	14	6	185	8	1	-40
COMANCHE	56	9	2	134	24	10	170
COWLEY	918	10	3	1280	13	4	40
CRAWFORD	1304	15	7	1818	23	9	49
DECATUR	181	16	8	177	17	7	6
DICKINSON	793	15	7	749	16	6	5
DONIPHAN	391	15	8	407	20	8	29
DOUGLAS	1447	11	4	2268	14	4	31
EDWARDS	113	11	4	162	17	7	64
ELK	157	17	9	140	20	9	14
ELLIS	595	9	2	846	13	3	44
ELLSWORTH	191	12	5	188	12	3	6
FINNEY	908	12	4	1337	12	2	5
FORD	619	9	2	1191	15	6	73
FRANKLIN	675	11	4	888	15	5	29
GEARY	1995	24	10	2070	24	10	-1
GOVE	237	21	10	98	11	2	-46
GRAHAM	190	17	9	166	18	7	6

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COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1979 NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN POVERTY	% CHILDREN IN POVERTY	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN POVERTY	% CHILDREN IN POVERTY	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	273	12	5	490	20	9	74
GRAY	140	9	2	220	13	3	44
GREELEY	77	14	7	41	8	1	-47
GREENWOOD	266	12	6	328	18	7	44
HAMILTON	81	12	5	88	14	5	17
HARPER	323	17	9	246	14	4	-19
HARVEY	643	8	1	804	10	2	23
HASKELL	182	15	7	86	7	1	-53
HODGEMAN	130	22	10	88	15	5	-33
JACKSON	358	10	3	410	13	3	23
JEFFERSON	384	9	2	536	13	3	47
JEWELL	292	23	10	134	13	4	-41
JOHNSON	3161	4	1	3932	4	1	3
KEARNY	194	17	8	195	15	5	-12
KINGMAN	236	10	3	301	13	4	34
KIOWA	139	14	6	184	20	8	43
LABETTE	918	13	6	1215	20	9	53
LANE	58	8	2	83	13	3	53
LEAVENWORTH	1487	9	3	1620	10	2	1
LINCOLN	170	18	9	158	18	7	2
LINN	379	18	9	371	18	7	2
LOGAN	111	12	5	137	17	7	46
LYON	699	8	1	1353	15	5	83
MCPHERSON	610	9	2	664	9	1	3
MARION	411	13	6	389	13	4	-1
MARSHALL	506	16	8	458	15	5	-9
MEADE	131	10	3	161	14	4	37
MIAMI	426	7	1	556	9	1	26
MITCHELL	227	11	4	209	11	2	6
MONTGOMERY	1492	13	6	1982	20	9	52
MORRIS	274	17	9	291	19	8	9
MORTON	135	12	6	265	25	10	104
NEMAHA	699	22	10	550	18	7	-14
NEOSHO	527	10	4	748	17	7	68
NESS	94	8	2	132	13	3	50
NORTON	278	17	9	247	19	8	10
OSAGE	441	10	3	562	14	4	35
OSBORNE	289	20	10	194	17	6	-17
OTTAWA	171	11	4	177	13	3	13
PAWNEE	153	8	1	234	13	3	68
PHILLIPS	153	8	1	194	12	2	49
POTTAWATOMIE	490	12	5	527	11	2	-3
PRATT	226	9	2	288	12	2	28
RAWLINS	187	17	9	146	16	6	-3
RENO	1842	11	4	2121	14	4	28
REPUBLIC	241	14	7	276	19	8	33
RICE	293	10	3	668	24	10	146
RILEY	1907	14	7	2392	17	6	18
ROOKS	206	11	4	296	19	8	74
RUSH	126	12	5	124	14	4	22
RUSSELL	283	13	6	298	17	6	26
SALINE	1108	8	2	2067	16	6	95
SCOTT	199	11	4	105	7	1	-38
SEDGWICK	12253	12	5	16804	15	5	26
SEWARD	650	12	6	1214	21	9	70
SHAWNEE	3998	10	3	5713	14	4	45
SHERIDAN	209	19	10	162	19	8	-1
SHERMAN	275	12	5	370	20	9	64
SMITH	251	18	9	221	20	9	8
STAFFORD	171	13	6	220	16	6	27
STANTON	142	18	9	147	20	9	7
STEVENS	104	7	1	221	15	5	102
SUMNER	546	8	1	594	8	1	1
THOMAS	225	9	3	389	17	7	82
TREGO	117	10	4	114	12	2	15
WABAUNSEE	179	9	3	174	10	2	6
WALLACE	89	15	7	157	30	10	105
WASHINGTON	507	23	10	259	15	5	-34
WICHITA	197	20	10	104	12	2	-38
WILSON	546	17	8	476	18	7	9
WOODSON	121	12	5	157	16	6	39
WYANDOTTE	9586	19	10	11523	26	10	34
KANSAS	637,151	11		648,483	14		25

Rates are the percent of related children under 18 who lived in families with incomes below the U.S. poverty threshold, as defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. "Related children" include the family heads, children by birth, marriage or adoption, as well as other persons under age 18 who are related to the family head. In 1990, the poverty threshold for a one-parent family of four persons was $13,360.

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CHILDREN RECEIVING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

It has been a disappointing revelation that, at present, childhood poverty in Kansas counties cannot be measured again until the year 2000. The census, which occurs every ten years, is the only source of this information. Yet, childhood poverty is an important indicator of the well-being of children.

Because of the lack of data and the importance of monitoring the level of childhood poverty, *Kansas Kids Count* decided to produce two data sets in an attempt to offer the best measures of childhood poverty available this year. First, the county-by-county census data on child poverty from last year's *Kids Count Data Book* is provided. Second, a new set of data indicates how many children are receiving economic assistance from the state. These data point out the number and percent of children by county who receive cash assistance, medical assistance or food stamps.

According to the data, 18 percent of 119,079 Kansas children receive some type of economic assistance from the state. In three counties, Wyandotte, Cherokee and Geary, nearly one of every three children is receiving economic assistance.

One of the most interesting ways to use these data is to compare the percent of children in poverty with the percent receiving economic assistance. For example, a county with 25 percent of its children living in poverty and only 6 percent receiving assistance might want to explore the reasons for this disparity.

In the future, *Kansas Kids Count* hopes to find or advocate for a method of measuring childhood poverty by county on a year-to-year basis.

COUNTY	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 NUMBER CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSISTANCE	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 % CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSISTANCE	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 DECILE RANK
ALLEN	970	24	9
ANDERSON	342	16	6
ATCHISON	1,016	21	8
BARBER	91	6	1
BARTON	1,749	21	8
BOURBON	1,033	26	10
BROWN	780	25	10
BUTLER	2,048	14	6
CHASE	139	18	7
CHAUTAUQUA	285	27	10
CHEROKEE	1,859	32	10
CHEYENNE	63	8	2
CLARK	87	14	5
CLAY	419	17	7
CLOUD	397	15	6
COFFEY	318	13	5
COMANCHE	34	6	1
COWLEY	2,178	22	9
CRAWFORD	2,400	28	10
DECATUR	94	9	2
DICKINSON	807	16	6
DONIPHAN	504	22	9
DOUGLAS	2,715	17	7
EDWARDS	158	16	7
ELK	178	23	9
ELLIS	746	11	3
ELLSWORTH	170	11	3
FINNEY	2,128	21	8
FORD	1,760	23	9
FRANKLIN	1,357	22	9
GEARY	2,734	31	10
GOVE	45	5	1
GRAHAM	124	13	4

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COUNTY	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 NUMBER CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSISTANCE	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 % CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSISTANCE	DECILE RANK
GRANT	417	17	7
GRAY	145	9	2
GREELEY	54	10	3
GREENWOOD	464	24	9
HAMILTON	84	13	5
HARPER	367	20	8
HARVEY	1,196	15	6
HASKELL	193	15	6
HODGEMAN	50	8	2
JACKSON	644	19	8
JEFFERSON	565	13	4
JEWELL	112	10	3
JOHNSON	5,167	6	1
KEARNY	232	18	7
KINGMAN	340	15	6
KIOWA	102	11	3
LABETTE	1,631	25	10
LANE	59	9	2
LEAVENWORTH	2,449	15	6
LINCOLN	71	8	2
LINN	423	20	8
LOGAN	81	9	2
LYON	1,759	19	8
MARION	315	10	3
MARSHALL	351	11	4
MCPHERSON	807	12	4
MEADE	85	7	2
MIAMI	990	15	6
MITCHELL	151	8	2
MONTGOMERY	2,641	25	10
MORRIS	365	23	9
MORTON	140	13	5
NEMAHA	210	7	1
NEOSHO	1,080	23	9
NESS	59	5	1
NORTON	179	13	4
OSAGE	702	17	7
OSBORNE	152	12	4
OTTAWA	198	13	5
PAWNEE	220	11	4
PHILLIPS	165	10	3
POTTAWATOMIE	646	14	5
PRATT	326	13	5
RAWLINS	62	6	1
RENO	3,639	22	9
REPUBLIC	158	10	3
RICE	569	20	8
RILEY	1,688	12	4
ROOKS	190	11	4
RUSH	100	11	3
RUSSELL	285	15	6
SALINE	2,314	18	7
SCOTT	145	9	2
SEDGWICK	23,640	22	8
SEWARD	1,569	27	10
SHAWNEE	9,162	22	9
SHERIDAN	30	3	1
SHERMAN	369	19	7
SMITH	108	9	2
STAFFORD	251	18	7
STANTON	87	11	4
STEVENS	209	14	5
SUMNER	1,145	16	6
THOMAS	307	13	4
TREGO	62	6	1
WABAUNSEE	252	14	5
WALLACE	37	7	1
WASHINGTON	184	10	3
WICHITA	131	14	5
WILSON	586	21	8
WOODSON	187	19	7
WYANDOTTE	15,498	33	10
KANSAS	119,079	18	

Data are for the month of June, 1993, and include all children receiving cash assistance, medical assistance or food stamps. This is the first year in which this information has been collected in this form; therefore, baseline data are not available. Data provided by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

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CHILDHOOD DEATHS

In Kansas in 1992, 149 children (ages 1-14) died from accidents, illness and other causes.

It is noteworthy that both the number and rate of childhood deaths have been declining in Kansas. The 1992 rate declined by 13 percent from the average rate of the base years, 1987-1991.

The majority of childhood deaths in Kansas are the result of injuries. Communities have worked to lower their childhood death rates by emphasizing childhood safety issues such as seat belts, fire safety and bicycle helmets.

While this trend is encouraging, the importance of even a single death of a child should not be lost in the analysis of state and county rates. At the county level, events of this significance should be examined individually to determine if steps could be taken to prevent future deaths or injury to children.

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1987-91 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDHOOD DEATHS PER YEAR	BASE YEARS - 1987-91 CHILDHOOD DEATH RATE	BASE YEARS - 1987-91 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR 1992 NUMBER OF CHILDHOOD DEATHS	CURRENT YEAR 1992 CHILDHOOD DEATH RATE	CURRENT YEAR 1992 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	1.6	50.0	8	2	62.6	8	25
ANDERSON	.4	24.6	3	0	.	.	.
ATCHISON	.6	16.6	2	1	28.4	3	71
BARBER	.4	31.3	5	1	76.3	9	144
BARTON	1.6	24.8	3	0	.0	1	-100
BOURBON	1.4	45.8	7	0	.	.	.
BROWN	1.4	57.0	9	1	40.5	6	-29
BUTLER	3.6	31.2	5	3	24.7	3	-21
CHASE	.2	33.3	6	0	.	.	.
CHAUTAUQUA	.2	24.4	3	0	.	.	.
CHEROKEE	.8	17.8	2	0	.0	1	-100
CHEYENNE	.2	31.7	5	0	.	.	.
CLARK	.0	.	.	0	.	.	.
CLAY	.4	21.2	2	0	.	.	.
CLOUD	.4	19.7	2	0	.	.	.
COFFEY	1.2	66.0	9	1	56.2	7	-15
COMANCHE	.0	.	.	0	.	.	.
COWLEY	3.4	43.7	7	3	37.9	5	-13
CRAWFORD	2.0	30.4	5	2	30.2	4	0
DECATUR	.4	47.7	8	0	.	.	.
DICKINSON	2.0	50.9	8	2	51.2	7	0
DONIPHAN	.8	46.5	8	1	60.7	8	31
DOUGLAS	2.8	21.2	3	3	21.2	3	0
EDWARDS	.0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
ELK	.2	34.7	6	0	.	.	.
ELLIS	1.2	22.2	3	1	18.1	2	-18
ELLSWORTH	.6	49.5	8	0	.	.	.
FINNEY	3.4	38.3	7	4	40.1	6	5
FORD	3.6	57.4	9	2	30.1	4	-47
FRANKLIN	1.2	24.6	3	1	19.9	2	-19
GEARY	5.0	69.5	9	1	13.3	1	-81
GOVE	.8	114.7	10	0	.	.	.
GRAHAM	.8	107.1	10	0	.	.	.

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COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1987-91 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDHOOD DEATHS PER YEAR	CHILDHOOD DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR 1992 NUMBER OF CHILDHOOD DEATHS	CHILDHOOD DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	.8	40.3	7	2	97.5	9	142
GRAY	.6	43.4	7	0	.	.	.
GREELEY	.4	88.8	10	0	.	.	.
GREENWOOD	.4	27.0	4	0	.	.	.
HAMILTON	.0	.	.	0	.	.	.
HARPER	.4	27.7	4	0	.	.	.
HARVEY	1.8	27.9	4	1	15.1	1	-46
HASKELL	.8	80.6	10	0	.	.	.
HODGEMAN	1.0	203.5	10	1	193.7	10	-5
JACKSON	.4	15.1	2	0	.	.	.
JEFFERSON	1.8	51.3	8	1	28.0	3	-45
JEWELL	.6	72.1	10	0	.	.	.
JOHNSON	15.6	20.9	2	13	16.2	2	-22
KEARNY	.4	36.9	6	0	.	.	.
KINGMAN	.2	11.0	1	1	54.7	7	396
KIOWA	.0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
LABETTE	1.6	31.7	5	4	81.5	9	157
LANE	.4	76.0	10	0	.	.	.
LEAVENWORTH	3.4	24.8	4	4	28.2	3	13
LINCOLN	.4	57.9	9	0	.	.	.
LINN	1.0	59.8	9	1	59.3	8	-1
LOGAN	.6	91.3	10	0	.	.	.
LYON	2.4	32.0	6	3	38.6	5	20
MARION	1.4	58.7	9	0	.	.	.
MARSHALL	.8	31.8	6	1	38.1	5	20
MCPHERSON	2.0	35.1	6	4	67.2	8	92
MEADE	.2	21.7	3	0	.	.	.
MIAMI	2.2	43.2	7	2	36.5	5	-15
MITCHELL	.4	27.1	4	0	.	.	.
MONTGOMERY	2.8	34.8	6	3	38.1	5	10
MORRIS	.6	48.7	8	1	79.9	9	64
MORTON	.6	70.7	9	0	.	.	.
NEMAHA	.6	24.8	3	0	.	.	.
NEOSHO	.6	16.7	2	0	.	.	.
NESS	.6	69.3	9	0	.	.	.
NORTON	.0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
OSAGE	.4	12.2	1	1	30.4	4	149
OSBORNE	.2	21.2	3	1	110.9	10	423
OTTAWA	.2	16.9	2	0	.	.	.
PAWNEE	.4	26.9	4	0	.	.	.
PHILLIPS	.2	15.1	2	0	.	.	.
POTTAWATOMIE	1.0	26.5	4	2	50.1	7	89
PRATT	.8	40.3	7	0	.	.	.
RAWLINS	.2	27.0	4	0	.	.	.
RENO	4.0	31.2	5	4	31.6	4	1
REPUBLIC	.0	.0	1	1	86.3	9	.
RICE	1.6	71.2	10	1	44.4	6	-38
RILEY	3.2	27.3	4	6	49.5	6	82
ROOKS	.6	45.5	7	0	.	.	.
RUSH	.0	.	.	0	.	.	.
RUSSELL	.6	40.6	7	1	69.1	8	70
SALINE	3.2	30.7	5	2	19.0	2	-38
SCOTT	.4	32.2	6	0	.	.	.
SEDGWICK	26.0	29.3	5	29	31.3	4	7
SEWARD	1.8	38.0	7	2	40.2	6	6
SHAWNEE	10.0	30.3	5	6	17.9	2	-41
SHERIDAN	.0	.	.	0	.	.	.
SHERMAN	.2	13.3	1	0	.	.	.
SMITH	.2	22.1	3	2	229.9	10	941
STAFFORD	.2	17.8	2	0	.	.	.
STANTON	.6	101.4	10	1	167.2	10	65
STEVENS	.4	32.5	6	0	.	.	.
SUMNER	1.8	30.4	5	1	16.2	1	-47
THOMAS	.2	10.7	1	1	53.4	7	398
TREGO	.4	50.9	8	1	130.1	10	156
WABAUNSEE	.8	56.1	8	0	.	.	.
WALLACE	.0	.	.	0	.	.	.
WASHINGTON	.0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
WICHITA	.4	55.4	8	0	.	.	.
WILSON	1.2	56.5	9	0	.	.	.
WOODSON	.2	25.2	4	0	.	.	.
WYANDOTTE	14.0	37.8	6	16	43.8	6	16
KANSAS	166	31.5		149	27.5		-13

Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The base years consist of the average of years 1987 through 1991. Childhood mortality rates represent the number of deaths to children ages 1 through 14 per 100,000 children. Negative change scores indicate improvement. For all indicators decile scores are scored so that "1" indicates the most positive outcome and "10" the most negative outcome. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

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INFANT MORTALITY

In the international community, infant mortality is one of the indicators of the overall health and prosperity of a nation. Although the United States is a prosperous nation, it ranked 20th among nations in 1990 with a rate of 10 deaths per 1,000 live births. Japan ranked first with a rate of 5.

The infant mortality rate measures the rate at which children die before their first birthday.

The U.S. Public Health Service has set a goal for the year 2,000 of an infant mortality rate of no more than seven per 1,000 births.

In Kansas, the infant mortality rate improved from 10.1 in 1980 to 8.8 in 1992. However, most of that progress was made in the early 1980's and progress has stalled over the last five years. The rate actually worsened by 2 percent in 1992 compared with the 1987-1991 average.

In counties with more than five infant deaths in 1992, the infant mortality rate ranged from a high of 15 to a low of 5.6 per 1,000 births. Counties in this category with high rates are Barton, Montgomery, Wyandotte and Saline. Shawnee, Riley and Johnson counties had rates well below the state average.

The most effective method of improving the infant mortality rate is to be sure that each pregnant woman has early prenatal care.

	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91			CURRENT YEAR - 1992			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS	INFANT MORTALITY RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS	INFANT MORTALITY RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	2	12.3	9	1	5.7	3	-54
ANDERSON	1	10.1	8	1	10.4	5	3
ATCHISON	3	13.5	10	0	.0	1	-100
BARBER	0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
BARTON	4	8.4	7	6	15.0	8	78
BOURBON	2	11.0	9	4	20.6	9	88
BROWN	1	7.4	5	1	6.9	3	-6
BUTLER	7	10.2	8	6	8.2	4	-20
CHASE	0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
CHAUTAUQUA	1	21.4	10	1	27.8	9	30
CHEROKEE	2	8.5	7	2	7.2	3	-15
CHEYENNE	0	11.6	9	0	.	.	.
CLARK	0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
CLAY	1	5.7	4	0	.0	1	-100
CLOUD	1	8.1	6	2	17.9	8	119
COFFEY	0	1.9	2	0	.	.	.
COMANCHE	0	6.7	5	0	.	.	.
COWLEY	4	8.6	7	6	11.4	6	33
CRAWFORD	3	6.4	5	3	6.4	3	0
DECATUR	0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
DICKINSON	1	5.5	4	3	11.3	5	105
DONIPHAN	0	2.0	2	0	.	.	.
DOUGLAS	6	6.0	4	10	9.5	4	58
EDWARDS	0	9.0	7	0	.	.	.
ELK	0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
ELLIS	2	6.0	4	3	10.1	5	67
ELLSWORTH	1	8.6	7	0	.	.	.
FINNEY	6	7.3	5	3	3.5	2	-53
FORD	5	9.1	7	4	7.0	3	-23
FRANKLIN	3	7.8	6	4	11.6	6	50
GEARY	8	7.3	5	11	8.8	4	22
GOVE	0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
GRAHAM	0	4.9	3	0	.	.	.

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COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 AVERAGE NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 INFANT MORTALITY RATE	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 INFANT MORTALITY RATE	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	1	9.4	8	0	.0	1	-100
GRAY	0	2.4	2	1	12.5	6	425
GREELEY	0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
GREENWOOD	1	9.1	7	0	.	.	.
HAMILTON	1	36.1	10	0	.	.	.
HARPER	2	19.1	10	0	.	.	.
HARVEY	3	8.2	7	5	12.1	6	47
HASKELL	1	10.8	9	1	13.2	7	21
HODGEMAN	0	.0	1	1	37.0	10	.
JACKSON	1	6.3	4	3	20.3	8	219
JEFFERSON	1	4.9	3	2	10.8	5	118
JEWELL	1	22.1	10	0	.	.	.
JOHNSON	33	6.1	4	38	6.8	3	11
KEARNY	1	7.7	6	2	30.3	10	292
KINGMAN	0	3.8	3	2	20.4	8	440
KIOWA	1	16.3	10	1	21.3	9	31
LABETTE	2	5.9	4	1	3.3	2	-44
LANE	0	6.8	5	0	.	.	.
LEAVENWORTH	8	9.5	8	7	8.5	4	-11
LINCOLN	0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
LINN	1	8.0	6	2	23.0	9	187
LOGAN	0	5.2	3	0	.	.	.
LYON	3	6.3	4	1	2.0	1	-68
MARION	0	2.8	3	2	12.6	6	347
MARSHALL	1	6.6	5	0	.	.	.
MCPHERSON	3	8.0	6	5	14.3	7	78
MEADE	0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
MIAMI	2	6.5	5	3	9.9	4	54
MITCHELL	0	4.6	3	0	.	.	.
MONTGOMERY	5	10.0	8	6	14.6	7	47
MORRIS	0	5.1	3	0	.	.	.
MORTON	0	8.6	7	0	.	.	.
NEMAHA	1	5.4	4	0	.0	1	-100
NEOSHO	2	7.8	6	1	5.1	2	-35
NESS	0	4.7	3	1	26.3	9	461
NORTON	1	10.0	8	1	15.4	8	54
OSAGE	1	6.0	4	1	4.9	2	-19
OSBORNE	1	13.9	10	0	.	.	.
OTTAWA	1	9.4	8	0	.	.	.

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 AVERAGE NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 INFANT MORTALITY RATE	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 INFANT MORTALITY RATE	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
PAWNEE	1	14.6	10	1	12.3	6	-16
PHILLIPS	0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
POTTAWATOMIE	1	2.5	2	0	.0	1	-100
PRATT	1	6.8	5	2	16.5	8	143
RAWLINS	0	9.4	8	0	.	.	.
RENO	9	10.5	9	6	7.8	4	-26
REPUBLIC	0	5.8	4	0	.	.	.
RICE	1	9.9	8	4	32.3	10	227
RILEY	8	8.4	7	6	6.7	3	-20
ROOKS	0	2.6	2	0	.	.	.
RUSH	0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
RUSSELL	0	4.8	3	0	.	.	.
SALINE	6	7.9	6	10	12.9	7	64
SCOTT	1	10.5	9	2	27.8	9	164
SEDGWICK	79	10.6	9	77	10.2	5	-4
SEWARD	3	8.1	6	4	10.6	5	30
SHAWNEE	25	10.4	9	13	5.6	2	-46
SHERIDAN	0	10.4	9	1	31.3	10	202
SHERMAN	1	7.8	6	0	.	.	.
SMITH	1	16.6	10	1	19.6	8	18
STAFFORD	1	12.0	9	0	.	.	.
STANTON	0	9.3	7	0	.	.	.
STEVENS	0	2.6	3	0	.	.	.
SUMNER	3	7.8	6	2	5.5	2	-29
THOMAS	0	1.6	2	0	.	.	.
TREGO	0	.0	1	1	27.8	9	.
WABAUNSEE	2	20.7	10	1	11.9	6	-42
WALLACE	0	6.4	5	0	.	.	.
WASHINGTON	1	7.8	6	1	13.2	7	68
WICHITA	0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
WILSON	1	9.3	8	3	24.8	9	165
WOODSON	0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
WYANDOTTE	38	12.5	9	39	13.6	7	8
KANSAS	332	8.6		332	8.8		2

Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The base years consist of the average of years 1987 through 1991. Infant mortality rates represent the number of infant deaths per 1000 infants. Negative change scores indicate improvement. For all indicators decile scores are scored so that "1" indicates the most positive outcome and "10" the most negative outcome. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

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BIRTHS WITH EARLY PRENATAL CARE

After a decade during which there was no improvement in the rate of births with early prenatal care, 1992 brings encouraging news. Registering at 81% for both 1980 and 1990, the rate of births with early prenatal care rose to 83 percent in 1992.

All but 24 Kansas counties improved their performance in the number of births with early prenatal care. Sixteen counties improved their rates by 10 percent or more. The diversity among county rates is notable; ranging from 51 percent in Morton and Seward counties to 97 percent in Russell County.

Like other preventive services, early prenatal care can save the high cost of medical services for a sick infant. Prenatal care that starts early and continues throughout pregnancy is often critical to the birth of a healthy baby. The Year 2000 goal is that 90 percent of all pregnant women receive early prenatal care.

	BASE YEARS 1987-91			CURRENT YEAR - 1992			
COUNTY	AVE. # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/EARLY PRENATAL CARE	% OF BIRTHS W/EARLY PRENATAL CARE	DECILE RANK	# OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/EARLY PRENATAL CARE	% OF BIRTHS W/EARLY PRENATAL CARE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	153	79	6	140	80	7	1
ANDERSON	76	77	8	80	83	6	9
ATCHISON	177	75	9	172	80	7	7
BARBER	62	80	6	56	81	7	2
BARTON	337	75	9	310	77	8	3
BOURBON	155	71	9	139	72	9	1
BROWN	125	77	7	115	80	7	4
BUTLER	599	85	2	645	88	3	3
CHASE	21	84	3	27	84	5	1
CHAUTAUQUA	37	80	6	28	78	8	-3
CHEROKEE	198	71	9	195	71	10	0
CHEYENNE	27	79	7	31	91	2	16
CLARK	21	81	6	29	91	2	12
CLAY	86	82	5	117	85	4	4
CLOUD	104	85	3	99	88	3	4
COFFEY	69	83	4	78	85	4	2
COMANCHE	27	90	1	27	93	1	4
COWLEY	426	83	4	451	86	4	3
CRAWFORD	326	75	8	387	83	6	10
DECATUR	37	78	7	23	72	9	-7
DICKINSON	204	80	6	222	83	5	4
DONIPHAN	79	78	7	72	75	9	-4
DOUGLAS	884	83	4	926	88	3	6
EDWARDS	33	75	8	31	76	8	0
ELK	30	83	4	18	64	10	-23
ELLIS	301	91	1	270	91	2	0
ELLSWORTH	60	86	2	52	87	4	1
FINNEY	428	57	10	579	67	10	19
FORD	396	73	9	422	74	9	2
FRANKLIN	267	80	6	282	82	6	3
GEARY	701	62	10	846	68	10	9
GOVE	39	87	1	25	93	1	6
GRAHAM	29	71	9	29	94	1	31

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GRANT	85	68	10	87	71	9	5
GRAY	69	82	5	66	83	6	1
GREELEY	21	76	8	20	83	6	10
GREENWOOD	59	73	9	48	65	10	-11
HAMILTON	21	65	10	25	86	4	32
HARPER	68	81	6	73	81	7	0
HARVEY	339	82	5	341	83	6	1
HASKELL	48	65	10	55	72	9	11
HODGEMAN	27	83	5	23	85	4	3
JACKSON	130	83	4	132	90	2	8
JEFFERSON	169	84	3	163	88	3	5
JEWELL	38	85	3	30	86	4	1
JOHNSON	5000	91	1	5212	93	1	1
KEARNY	54	70	10	46	70	10	-1
KINGMAN	83	79	7	89	91	2	16
KIOWA	42	86	2	42	89	2	4
LABETTE	267	79	7	240	79	8	0
LANE	24	84	3	23	79	8	-5
LEAVENWORTH	714	83	4	717	87	3	5
LINCOLN	30	83	5	29	88	3	6
LINN	70	70	10	70	80	7	15
LOGAN	33	86	1	30	83	6	-4
LYON	299	78	7	369	74	9	-5
MARION	117	83	5	138	87	4	5
MARSHALL	129	85	2	84	75	9	-12
MCPHERSON	310	83	4	292	83	6	0
MEADE	48	78	7	52	83	6	6
MIAMI	280	83	5	272	90	2	9
MITCHELL	75	86	2	69	90	2	4
MONTGOMERY	406	76	8	346	84	5	11
MORRIS	63	82	5	64	80	7	-2
MORTON	31	69	10	23	51	10	-26
NEMAHA	136	92	1	110	91	2	-1
NEOSHO	183	80	6	175	89	3	12
NESS	36	85	2	35	92	1	8
NORTON	52	87	1	54	83	6	-4
OSAGE	157	83	4	181	88	3	6
OSBORNE	49	85	3	42	88	3	3

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1987-91 AVE. # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/ EARLY PRENATAL CARE	BASE YEARS 1987-91 % OF BIRTHS W/ EARLY PRENATAL CARE	BASE YEARS 1987-91 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/ EARLY PRENATAL CARE	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 % OF BIRTHS W/ EARLY PRENATAL CARE	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	57	89	1	52	96	1	8
PAWNEE	61	74	9	70	86	4	16
PHILLIPS	74	91	1	51	84	5	-8
POTTAWATOMIE	199	82	5	198	84	5	2
PRATT	100	86	2	93	77	8	-10
RAWLINS	34	80	6	23	68	10	-16
RENO	599	74	9	610	79	7	8
REPUBLIC	57	83	4	57	84	5	0
RICE	102	72	9	96	77	8	7
RILEY	693	77	7	664	75	9	-3
ROOKS	66	85	2	65	92	2	7
RUSH	32	83	5	34	94	1	14
RUSSELL	70	83	4	65	97	1	16
SALINE	635	86	2	672	87	3	1
SCOTT	57	76	8	57	79	8	4
SEDGWICK	6209	83	3	6423	85	4	2
SEWARD	218	58	10	192	51	10	-11
SHAWNEE	2077	86	2	2074	89	2	4
SHERIDAN	33	85	2	27	84	5	-1
SHERMAN	81	79	6	69	81	7	3
SMITH	41	85	3	43	84	5	0
STAFFORD	52	78	7	44	83	6	7
STANTON	31	71	9	35	85	4	20
STEVENS	54	71	10	55	66	10	-6
SUMNER	277	77	7	290	80	7	3
THOMAS	104	84	3	103	92	1	9
TREGO	33	89	1	34	94	1	6
WABAUNSEE	64	83	4	71	85	5	1
WALLACE	23	75	8	18	75	9	-1
WASHINGTON	65	85	3	64	84	5	-1
WICHITA	29	76	8	35	78	8	2
WILSON	97	76	8	99	82	7	8
WOODSON	32	81	6	24	75	9	-8
WYANDOTTE	2256	75	8	2229	78	8	4
KANSAS	30,888	81		31,526	83		3

Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The base years consist of the average of years 1987 through 1991. Total births for 1992 and the base years exclude births where the month prenatal care began is not known. Positive change scores indicate improvement. For all indicators decile scores are scored so that "1" indicates the most positive outcome and "10" the most negative outcome. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

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KINDERGARTNERS FULLY IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2

Two years of age is the age by which basic immunizations should be completed in order to be most effective, according to public health authorities. Epidemics spread quickly among those age 2 and younger and diseases like whooping cough and measles can kill the very young.

Immunization is one of the most effective tools in preventive medicine. However, 1992 Kansas data indicate that only 53 percent of the state's 2 year olds were fully immunized. Kansas health care providers and Kansas parents have not yet found an effective system for insuring that immunizations are completed at the optimum time.

When county performances are compared, the variation is dramatic. The lowest immunization rate is 19 percent in Graham County, while the highest rate occurs in Wallace County (as it did in 1990) with a rate of 90 percent. Wallace is the only county in Kansas to reach the national goal for immunizations for the year 2000.

Forty-one counties fully immunized less than half of their 2 year olds and six of those fully immunized only one-third of their 2 year olds. On the brighter side, eleven counties had immunization rates of 70 percent or more.

Recently, Kansas has taken steps to address this problem, including Immunization Action Months and, later, Operation Immunize. Because these data are based on a retrospective survey, the impact of these current efforts are not yet measurable.

	BASE YEARS 1989 - 90			CURRENT YEAR - 1992			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	PERCENT IMMUNIZED	DECILE RANK	NUMBER IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	PERCENT IMMUNIZED	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	96	44	10	98	48	7	10
ANDERSON	58	51	8	38	35	10	-31
ATCHISON	93	47	9	89	49	7	5
BARBER	57	56	6	54	56	5	0
BARTON	228	55	6	234	55	5	0
BOURBON	122	56	6	99	50	6	-11
BROWN	102	61	4	76	51	6	-16
BUTLER	476	56	6	.	.	.	.
CHASE	28	58	5	16	45	8	-22
CHAUTAUQUA	30	54	7	.	.	.	.
CHEROKEE	126	46	9	106	38	9	-16
CHEYENNE	38	70	2	25	52	6	-25
CLARK	9	25	10	19	42	9	71
CLAY	79	62	4	63	55	5	-11
CLOUD	71	50	8	47	41	9	-18
COFFEY	72	58	6	74	50	6	-13
COMANCHE	14	43	10	22	70	1	63
COWLEY	311	58	5	256	50	6	-14
CRAWFORD	237	49	8	215	45	8	-8
DECATUR	17	28	10	25	51	6	82
DICKINSON	186	63	3	199	61	3	-3
DONIPHAN	55	43	10	53	37	9	-14
DOUGLAS	630	73	1	612	74	1	1
EDWARDS	31	57	6	29	49	7	-13
ELK	24	55	6	19	48	7	-13
ELLIS	244	72	1	171	56	5	-22
ELLSWORTH	64	66	2	50	60	3	-9
FINNEY	442	54	7	300	34	10	-36
FORD	249	58	5	226	53	5	-9
FRANKLIN	198	51	8	170	47	8	-7
GEARY	419	54	7	418	55	5	2
GOVE	38	72	1	27	57	4	-21
GRAHAM	26	50	8	7	19	10	-62

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GRANT	72	48	8	71	45	8	-5
GRAY	69	76	1	54	63	3	-17
GREELEY	17	55	6	23	64	2	17
GREENWOOD	46	47	9	31	30	10	-35
HAMILTON	25	63	3	26	74	1	18
HARPER	62	54	7	66	72	1	33
HARVEY	250	59	5	251	63	3	7
HASKELL	40	61	5	33	43	9	-29
HODGEMAN	22	61	4	18	50	6	-18
JACKSON	138	71	1	113	71	1	1
JEFFERSON	189	62	4	184	64	2	3
JEWELL	43	84	1	56	86	1	3
JOHNSON	3369	69	2	3260	65	2	-5
KEARNY	72	64	3	95	73	1	15
KINGMAN	61	63	3	76	63	3	0
KIOWA	34	63	3	18	50	6	-20
LABETTE	168	50	8	148	45	8	-9
LANE	18	45	9	15	44	8	-2
LEAVENWORTH	543	60	5	620	70	1	17
LINCOLN	34	78	1	23	67	2	-14
LINN	63	45	9	62	49	7	10
LOGAN	16	39	10	15	54	5	40
LYON	296	54	7	203	45	8	-17
MCPHERSON	276	67	2	252	69	2	3
MARION	118	63	3	97	67	2	7
MARSHALL	157	69	2	77	48	7	-30
MEADE	21	46	9	27	58	4	27
MIAMI	157	47	8	150	48	7	2
MITCHELL	67	58	5	52	44	8	-24
MONTGOMERY	256	48	8	167	36	9	-24
MORRIS	66	63	3	42	55	5	-12
MORTON	30	47	9	32	48	7	3
NEMAHA	110	66	2	107	74	1	[illegible]12
NEOSHO	106	42	10	51	24	10	-43
NESS	41	70	2	35	68	2	-2
NORTON	47	54	7	30	48	7	-10
OSAGE	135	62	4	135	61	3	-2
OSBORNE	23	56	6	23	47	8	-15

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1989 - 90 AVERAGE NUMBER IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	PERCENT IMMUNIZED	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 NUMBER IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	PERCENT IMMUNIZED	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	58	62	4	.	.	.	.
PAWNEE	47	45	9	28	30	10	-33
PHILLIPS	50	53	7	37	52	6	-1
POTTAWATOMIE	176	62	4	142	58	4	-6
PRATT	76	58	6	71	56	5	-3
RAWLINS	25	53	7	21	61	3	16
RENO	542	65	2	513	64	2	-1
REPUBLIC	51	60	5	23	30	10	-50
RICE	103	63	3	81	61	3	-3
RILEY	416	63	3	370	60	3	-5
ROOKS	35	46	9	31	43	9	-7
RUSH	33	54	7	27	58	4	8
RUSSELL	51	45	9	61	59	4	33
SALINE	422	63	3	374	56	5	-11
SCOTT	58	68	2	46	60	3	-12
SEDGWICK	3319	57	6	3553	61	3	8
SEWARD	162	40	10	150	40	9	1
SHAWNEE	1311	63	3	1362	68	2	9
SHERIDAN	24	73	1	17	58	4	-21
SHERMAN	53	50	8	37	40	9	-20
SMITH	39	67	2	30	56	5	-16
STAFFORD	37	48	8	27	36	9	-24
STANTON	35	69	2	35	84	1	23
STEVENS	41	47	8	21	25	10	-47
SUMNER	209	60	5	186	52	6	-13
THOMAS	81	63	3	60	57	4	-10
TREGO	33	61	4	28	63	3	3
WABAUNSEE	82	72	1	39	45	8	-37
WALLACE	28	88	1	35	90	1	3
WASHINGTON	68	62	4	49	49	7	-20
WICHITA	28	59	5	21	50	6	-15
WILSON	65	43	10	57	35	10	-18
WOODSON	25	54	7	26	47	8	-12
WYANDOTTE	927	41	10	772	34	10	-16
KANSAS	20,840	57		19,463	53		-7

Rates are percent of kindergarteners who were fully immunized by age 2, based on a retrospective survey of immunization certificates. Base years are 1989 and 1990. No survey was conducted in 1991. 1992 rates for Butler, Chautauqua and Ottawa counties are not reported because of inadequate participation in the survey. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

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LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES

Low birth weight is a major determinant of infant mortality. Infants weighing 5.5 pounds or less (the definition of low birth weight) are 40 times more likely to die in the first month of life than normal birth weight infants. Those who survive are twice as likely to suffer disabilities.

In spite of a variety of state initiatives, the low birth weight rate in Kansas has not improved. In 1980, the rate was 5.8. Twelve years later it has worsened and stands at 6.5.

Finding a strategy that works to reduce the number of low birth weight babies could have a significant impact on children's health in Kansas.

Franklin and Seward Counties have made significant improvements in their low birth weight rates. The rate for the base years in Franklin County was 6.9 with the rate decreasing in 1992 to 3.8. This represents a reduction in low birth weight births from an average of 23 during the base years to 13 in 1992. Seward County had a similar record, moving from a rate of 7.9 to 4.8 which represents an average of 31 low birth weight births during the base years to 18 in 1992.

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 AVE # OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 % OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 # OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 % OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	12	6.0	7	11	6.3	6	5
ANDERSON	4	4.0	2	6	6.3	6	54
ATCHISON	12	5.1	4	14	6.5	6	27
BARBER	3	3.6	1	7	10.1	10	181
BARTON	29	6.4	8	27	6.7	7	5
BOURBON	13	5.8	6	12	6.2	5	7
BROWN	10	5.9	7	7	4.9	4	-17
BUTLER	40	5.7	6	44	6.0	5	5
CHASE	2	6.0	7	3	9.4	9	57
CHAUTAUQUA	4	9.4	10	3	8.3	9	-11
CHEROKEE	18	6.4	8	34	12.3	10	93
CHEYENNE	2	5.2	4	2	5.9	5	13
CLARK	2	6.1	7	1	3.1	2	-49
CLAY	5	5.0	4	10	7.3	8	47
CLOUD	8	6.4	8	5	4.5	3	-30
COFFEY	4	4.1	2	5	5.4	4	34
COMANCHE	2	6.0	7	4	13.8	10	130
COWLEY	34	6.7	9	33	6.3	6	-6
CRAWFORD	23	5.2	4	26	5.6	5	8
DECATUR	1	1.3	1	0	.0	1	-100
DICKINSON	16	6.4	8	13	4.9	4	-23
DONIPHAN	5	5.3	5	3	3.1	2	-41
DOUGLAS	62	5.8	6	63	6.0	5	3
EDWARDS	2	3.6	1	3	7.3	8	102
ELK	3	7.2	10	2	7.1	7	-1
ELLIS	16	4.8	3	17	5.7	5	18
ELLSWORTH	3	4.9	3	4	6.7	7	37
FINNEY	50	6.6	9	62	7.2	8	9
FORD	28	5.1	4	31	5.4	4	6
FRANKLIN	23	6.9	9	13	3.8	2	-45
GEARY	82	7.2	10	97	7.8	8	8
GOVE	2	5.4	5	2	7.4	8	36
GRAHAM	3	8.4	10	3	9.7	10	16

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COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 AVE # OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 % OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 # OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 % OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	7	5.8	6	5	4.1	3	-30
GRAY	4	4.5	2	3	3.8	2	-17
GREELEY	0	.0	1	3	12.5	10	.
GREENWOOD	4	4.5	3	8	10.8	10	138
HAMILTON	3	7.8	10	2	6.9	7	-12
HARPER	5	5.7	6	4	4.4	3	-22
HARVEY	25	6.1	7	22	5.3	4	-13
HASKELL	4	4.9	3	9	11.8	10	143
HODGEMAN	1	3.7	1	2	7.4	8	100
JACKSON	9	5.6	5	10	6.8	7	21
JEFFERSON	12	5.8	6	16	8.6	9	48
JEWELL	3	7.1	9	1	2.9	1	-60
JOHNSON	259	4.7	3	282	5.0	4	6
KEARNY	5	7.0	9	2	3.0	2	-56
KINGMAN	6	6.0	7	6	6.1	5	1
KIOWA	2	3.7	1	2	4.3	3	16
LABETTE	22	6.4	8	19	6.3	6	-3
LANE	1	4.1	2	2	6.9	7	68
LEAVENWORTH	56	6.5	9	55	6.7	7	3
LINCOLN	2	5.0	4	2	6.1	5	21
LINN	5	5.2	4	2	2.3	1	-56
LOGAN	2	5.2	5	3	8.3	9	60
LYON	24	4.4	2	22	4.4	3	1
MARION	7	4.6	3	3	1.9	1	-59
MARSHALL	6	4.0	2	11	9.8	10	148
MCPHERSON	19	5.0	4	22	6.3	6	25
MEADE	3	4.8	3	3	4.8	3	0
MIAMI	21	6.2	7	20	6.6	6	7
MITCHELL	5	6.2	7	0	.0	1	-100
MONTGOMERY	39	7.3	10	27	6.6	6	-10
MORRIS	4	4.8	3	3	3.8	2	-22
MORTON	2	3.9	2	1	2.2	1	-43
NEMAHA	5	3.1	1	6	5.0	4	60
NEOSHO	11	4.7	3	9	4.6	3	-3
NESS	2	4.2	2	3	7.9	9	87
NORTON	3	5.7	6	2	3.1	2	-46
OSAGE	13	6.4	8	16	7.8	8	21
OSBORNE	2	3.5	1	3	6.3	6	80

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 AVE # OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 % OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 # OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 % OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	3	4.1	2	4	7.4	8	81
PAWNEE	5	6.3	8	4	4.9	4	-22
PHILLIPS	4	5.4	5	1	1.6	1	-70
POTTAWATOMIE	15	6.3	8	15	6.3	6	0
PRATT	6	5.4	5	7	5.8	5	6
RAWLINS	2	3.8	2	1	2.9	2	-22
RENO	49	5.9	6	51	6.6	6	13
REPUBLIC	2	3.2	1	1	1.5	1	-54
RICE	8	5.9	7	9	7.3	8	23
RILEY	41	4.5	2	44	4.9	4	10
ROOKS	6	7.7	10	3	4.2	3	-45
RUSH	2	6.3	8	2	5.6	4	-12
RUSSELL	4	5.2	5	3	4.5	3	-15
SALINE	42	5.8	6	54	7.0	7	21
SCOTT	3	3.4	1	10	13.9	10	306
SEDGWICK	527	7.1	9	538	7.1	7	0
SEWARD	31	7.9	10	18	4.8	4	-40
SHAWNEE	168	6.9	9	182	7.8	9	13
SHERIDAN	2	6.2	8	0	.0	1	-100
SHERMAN	6	5.5	5	6	7.1	7	29
SMITH	2	4.6	3	5	9.8	10	115
STAFFORD	5	6.9	9	5	9.4	9	37
STANTON	4	8.8	10	0	.0	1	-100
STEVENS	5	7.0	9	3	3.6	2	-48
SUMNER	21	5.9	7	28	7.7	8	31
THOMAS	7	5.3	5	7	6.3	6	18
TREGO	2	6.5	9	3	8.3	9	29
WABAUNSEE	4	4.9	4	3	3.6	2	-27
WALLACE	2	5.8	6	1	4.2	3	-28
WASHINGTON	4	5.7	6	6	7.9	9	38
WICHITA	2	5.1	4	3	6.7	7	30
WILSON	7	5.5	5	11	9.1	9	67
WOODSON	2	5.0	4	1	3.1	2	-38
WYANDOTTE	269	8.9	10	244	8.5	9	-5
KANSAS	2,387	6.2		2,451	6.5		4

Data provided by Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Decile ranks are scored so that "1" indicates the most positive outcome and "10" indicates the most negative outcome. Negative percent change represents improvement.

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HEAD START PARTICIPATION

Kansas Kids Count possesses only two years of data on how many Kansas children ages three and four who live in poverty have a Head Start classroom slot available to them. Thus, the 6 percent improvement in the rate is encouraging, but cannot be considered a trend.

The addition of 305 Head Start slots since last year is cause for celebration. Several counties, including Decatur, Gove, Graham and Thomas, now have Head Start slots available where none existed the previous year.

Head Start provides a comprehensive program which includes early childhood education, health, nutrition and social services to boost the school readiness of poor children. It is widely believed to be an effective program.

In 1993, Kansas provided 36 Head Start slots for every 100 eligible three and four year olds. This equals the national rate of 36 percent.

NOTE: Those watching this indicator closely will note a difference between the 1992 Head Start data found in last year's *Kansas Kids Count Data Book* and that found in the 1994 Data Book. The difference can be explained by the use of three to five year olds in last year's book and the change to three and four year olds in the current book. *Kansas Kids Count* partners felt the use of three and four year olds made the data more accurate since five year olds are generally in kindergarten rather than a Head Start preschool program.

	BASE YEAR - 1992			CURRENT YEAR - 1993			
COUNTY	CHILDREN AGED 3-4 IN POVERTY	AVAILABLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK	CHILDREN AGED 3-4 IN POVERTY	AVAILABLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	86	47	2	86	47	3	.05
ANDERSON	52	0	10	51	0	10	.00
ATCHISON	143	36	4	142	37	4	.76
BARBER	25	0	10	25	0	10	.00
BARTON	198	0	10	198	0	10	.00
BOURBON	126	32	4	127	32	4	-.24
BROWN	91	44	3	92	44	3	-.21
BUTLER	171	47	2	174	47	3	1.72
CHASE	29	0	10	29	0	10	.00
CHAUTAUQUA	34	0	10	34	0	10	.00
CHEROKEE	217	51	2	216	51	3	.38
CHEYENNE	16	0	10	16	0	10	.00
CLARK	2	0	10	2	0	10	.00
CLAY	55	109	1	55	109	1	-.01
CLOUD	59	9	5	58	9	6	.82
COFFEY	19	0	10	19	0	10	.00
COMANCHE	19	0	10	19	0	10	.00
COWLEY	171	29	4	172	39	4	35.25
CRAWFORD	256	42	3	256	42	4	-.12
DECATUR	20	0	10	20	75	1	.
DICKINSON	106	0	10	105	0	10	.00
DONIPHAN	52	76	1	52	77	1	1.41
DOUGLAS	292	27	5	300	26	5	-2.40
EDWARDS	25	0	10	25	0	10	.00
ELK	25	0	10	24	0	10	.00
ELLIS	146	59	2	148	58	2	-.72
ELLSWORTH	22	0	10	22	0	10	.00
FINNEY	199	51	2	208	52	3	1.61
FORD	173	53	2	176	85	1	59.91
FRANKLIN	93	21	5	94	21	5	-.95
GEARY	367	28	4	372	37	4	31.29
GOVE	15	0	10	15	101	1	.
GRAHAM	28	0	10	28	54	2	.

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COUNTY	BASE YEAR - 1992 CHILDREN AGED 3-4 IN POVERTY	BASE YEAR - 1992 AVAILABLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN	BASE YEAR - 1992 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 CHILDREN AGED 3-4 IN POVERTY	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 AVAILABLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	50	90	1	50	101	1	12.12
GRAY	39	0	10	39	0	10	.00
GREELEY	6	0	10	6	0	10	.00
GREENWOOD	41	0	10	41	0	10	.00
HAMILTON	13	0	10	13	0	10	.00
HARPER	23	0	10	23	0	10	.00
HARVEY	93	53	2	94	52	2	-.80
HASKELL	12	0	10	12	0	10	.00
HODGEMAN	9	0	10	9	0	10	.00
JACKSON	56	71	1	57	71	1	-.02
JEFFERSON	60	33	4	61	56	2	69.08
JEWELL	14	0	10	13	0	10	.00
JOHNSON	479	38	4	491	40	4	5.65
KEARNY	35	17	5	35	17	6	-2.10
KINGMAN	44	0	10	44	0	10	.00
KIOWA	20	0	10	19	0	10	.00
LABETTE	144	63	1	142	63	2	.95
LANE	9	0	10	9	0	10	.00
LEAVENWORTH	235	41	3	238	39	4	-5.35
LINN	37	27	4	37	27	5	-.28
LOGAN	14	0	10	14	0	10	.00
LYON	183	33	4	186	32	4	-1.26
MARION	54	0	10	54	0	10	.00
MARSHALL	63	0	10	64	0	10	.00
MCPHERSON	104	19	5	105	19	5	-1.43
MEADE	20	0	10	20	0	10	.00
MIAMI	90	45	3	92	43	4	-2.48
MITCHELL	26	0	10	26	0	10	.00
MONTGOMERY	317	40	3	315	40	4	.74
MORRIS	34	0	10	34	0	10	.00
MORTON	23	0	10	23	0	10	.00
NEMAHA	57	71	1	57	70	1	-.25
NEOSHO	95	51	2	94	51	3	1.07
NESS	11	0	10	11	0	10	.00
NORTON	36	0	10	35	0	10	.00
OSAGE	69	29	4	69	29	5	-.13
OSBORNE	18	0	10	18	0	10	.00
OTTAWA	20	0	10	20	0	10	.00
PAWNEE	25	0	10	25	0	10	.00
PHILLIPS	23	0	10	23	0	10	.00
POTTAWATOMIE	69	58	2	70	54	2	-6.80
PRATT	44	0	10	44	0	10	.00
RAWLINS	15	0	10	15	0	10	.00
RENO	323	24	5	322	27	5	13.23
REPUBLIC	28	0	10	28	0	10	.00
RICE	89	0	10	89	0	10	.00
RILEY	399	28	4	403	30	5	7.89
ROOKS	40	0	10	40	0	10	.00
RUSH	19	27	5	18	27	5	.86
RUSSELL	36	0	10	36	0	10	.00
SALINE	293	23	5	294	29	5	24.46
SCOTT	5	167	1	5	170	1	1.91
SEDGWICK	2553	33	4	2592	33	4	.12
SEWARD	207	0	10	211	0	10	.00
SHAWNEE	719	52	2	723	54	2	4.26
SHERIDAN	26	0	10	25	0	10	.00
SHERMAN	56	43	3	55	44	3	1.35
SMITH	28	0	10	27	0	10	.00
STAFFORD	31	0	10	32	0	10	.00
STANTON	20	0	10	20	0	10	.00
STEVENS	33	0	10	33	0	10	.00
SUMNER	74	81	1	75	80	1	-1.45
THOMAS	54	0	10	54	28	5	
TREGO	8	66	1	7	67	2	.73
WABAUNSEE	26	70	1	26	70	2	-.38
WALLACE	19	0	10	19	0	10	.00
WASHINGTON	22	46	3	22	70	2	52.60
WICHITA	12	49	2	12	49	3	.37
WILSON	66	45	3	65	61	2	35.59
WOODSON	22	45	3	22	45	3	-.53
WYANDOTTE	1563	45	3	1556	46	3	2.72
KANSAS	4,390	34		4,695	36		6.19

Data are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Positive percentage change scores indicate improvement.

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADTUATE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

It is encouraging to note the continuing increase in the rate of high school graduates enrolled in post-secondary education or training programs. In 1981, 60 percent of graduates were so enrolled; in the base years that percent rose to 69 percent; and in 1992, 74 percent of graduates were involved in some type of post-secondary effort. Considering the increasing demands of employers for more highly-trained employees, this is good news for the Kansas economy and for the children who will be entering the work force.

The data is gathered by a survey of high school graduates taken five to six months after graduation.

Results among counties ranged from a low of 45 percent in Geary County to a high of 100 percent in Greeley County. Three counties made improvement of 25 percent or more. Finney, Greeley and Wallace. On the negative side, three counties with large populations are all below the state average: Sedgwick (72 percent), Shawnee (68 percent), and Wyandotte (70 percent).

	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91			CURRENT YEAR 1992			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER IN SCHOOL/TRAINING	PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	DECILE RANK	NUMBER IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	114	66	8	130	77	5	16
ANDERSON	57	63	9	62	71	8	13
ATCHISON	115	68	8	105	74	6	9
BARBER	50	74	5	51	82	3	11
BARTON	235	76	4	214	77	5	1
BOURBON	115	70	7	117	73	7	4
BROWN	88	76	3	94	85	2	12
BUTLER	479	74	5	393	61	10	-19
CHASE	25	64	9	23	72	7	12
CHAUTAUQUA	35	72	5	34	74	6	2
CHEROKEE	132	53	10	118	57	10	7
CHEYENNE	39	85	1	38	86	2	2
CLARK	27	80	2	35	88	1	10
CLAY	77	71	6	87	81	3	15
CLOUD	81	66	9	66	76	6	15
COFFEY	92	77	3	96	79	4	2
COMANCHE	26	81	2	31	82	3	1
COWLEY	293	69	7	297	75	6	9
CRAWFORD	248	70	7	219	68	9	-3
DECATUR	36	77	3	35	73	7	-5
DICKINSON	181	68	8	151	61	10	-10
DONIPHAN	78	71	6	65	69	9	-2
DOUGLAS	422	64	9	421	71	8	11
EDWARDS	31	73	5	33	83	3	14
ELK	24	54	10	24	60	10	10
ELLIS	177	72	6	182	73	7	2
ELLSWORTH	66	71	6	64	80	4	13
FINNEY	192	59	10	234	81	4	37
FORD	221	76	4	218	83	3	10
FRANKLIN	172	66	9	171	62	10	-5
GEARY	164	55	10	134	45	10	-18
GOVE	43	85	1	38	79	4	-6
GRAHAM	32	75	4	36	80	4	7

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COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 AVERAGE NUMBER IN SCHOOL/TRAINING	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR 1992 NUMBER IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	CURRENT YEAR 1992 PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	CURRENT YEAR 1992 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	57	70	7	60	76	6	9
GRAY	61	79	2	64	86	2	9
GREELEY	15	80	2	10	100	1	25
GREENWOOD	60	68	8	49	71	8	5
HAMILTON	25	76	3	22	79	5	3
HARPER	64	71	6	51	78	5	10
HARVEY	252	71	6	244	75	6	6
HASKELL	49	82	1	51	80	4	-3
HODGEMAN	22	80	2	20	83	3	4
JACKSON	106	67	8	96	65	9	-3
JEFFERSON	161	63	9	156	65	10	3
JEWELL	36	82	1	32	86	2	5
JOHNSON	3128	82	1	3055	83	3	1
KEARNY	39	69	7	36	68	9	-1
KINGMAN	74	72	6	90	89	1	24
KIOWA	34	76	4	41	85	2	13
LABETTE	198	67	8	193	69	9	4
LANE	27	76	3	31	76	6	-1
LEAVENWORTH	423	64	9	462	68	9	6
LINCOLN	27	72	6	31	69	9	-4
LINN	84	63	9	71	66	9	5
LOGAN	30	70	7	47	84	3	19
LYON	183	57	10	205	66	9	16
MARION	105	66	8	99	70	8	6
MARSHALL	130	74	5	100	72	7	-3
MCPHERSON	222	74	5	190	78	5	6
MEADE	37	76	4	38	90	1	19
MIAMI	158	63	10	156	70	8	12
MITCHELL	70	74	5	70	79	5	6
MONTGOMERY	283	68	8	239	70	8	3
MORRIS	40	62	10	40	57	10	-8
MORTON	42	75	4	30	65	10	-13
NEMAHA	115	75	4	92	75	6	0
NEOSHO	146	75	4	131	78	5	3
NESS	43	75	4	31	78	5	4
NORTON	70	79	2	59	74	6	-7
OSAGE	119	61	10	111	71	8	16
OSBORNE	24	79	2	24	86	2	8

COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER IN SCHOOL/TRAINING	PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	DECILE RANK	NUMBER IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	53	70	7	56	74	7	5
PAWNEE	65	70	7	59	74	6	5
PHILLIPS	56	74	5	56	79	4	6
POTTAWATOMIE	161	68	7	153	74	6	8
PRATT	77	78	3	85	80	4	3
RAWLINS	29	76	4	28	72	7	-6
RENO	412	63	9	416	69	9	10
REPUBLIC	56	77	3	62	87	2	13
RICE	85	72	5	87	81	3	13
RILEY	369	81	1	351	84	2	4
ROOKS	65	71	7	59	87	2	23
RUSH	45	87	1	28	85	2	-2
RUSSELL	73	74	5	56	80	4	8
SALINE	356	71	6	324	69	8	-2
SCOTT	57	78	2	58	76	5	-2
SEDGWICK	2167	61	10	2395	72	7	18
SEWARD	137	63	9	140	72	7	14
SHAWNEE	994	61	10	1002	68	9	12
SHERIDAN	32	82	1	43	93	1	14
SHERMAN	60	77	3	57	86	2	12
SMITH	46	78	3	48	79	4	1
STAFFORD	50	78	2	37	74	6	-6
STANTON	29	91	1	31	91	1	0
STEVENS	60	81	2	60	88	1	9
SUMNER	183	67	8	182	61	10	-9
THOMAS	99	88	1	65	79	4	-10
TREGO	35	76	3	33	92	1	20
WABAUNSEE	59	71	6	51	73	7	3
WALLACE	25	69	7	26	96	1	39
WASHINGTON	90	75	4	116	81	3	8
WICHITA	28	78	2	29	91	1	16
WILSON	90	68	8	91	72	8	6
WOODSON	25	71	6	27	77	5	9
WYANDOTTE	850	65	9	903	70	8	7
KANSAS	17,942	69		17,757	74		9

Data provided by the Kansas Department of Education. Information is obtained from the annual survey of graduates conducted by the school districts 5-6 months after graduation. Base years are 1987 through 1991. As result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

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BIRTHS TO MOTHERS WITH LESS THAN A HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE

A cluster of problems seem to surround young women who do not have a high school degree and their babies. For example, children of mothers without a high school degree are less likely to experience academic success than those whose mothers have a high school degree. A second example is that one-third of high school dropouts smoke during pregnancy, a rate seven times higher than among those who are college graduates. Low birth weight babies are born twice as often to women who smoke. Thus, this indicator was chosen as a tool for identifying children at risk.

There has been little or no improvement in this indicator in Kansas. In 1980, 18.5 percent of births were to mothers with less than a high school degree. In 1992, the Kansas rate was 18 percent. The actual number of births to mothers with less than a high school degree has dropped from 7,518 in 1980 to 6,695 in 1992.

Of the 14 counties in 1992 with over 100 births to mothers without a high school degree, the rates in eleven of those counties declined, (Finney, Ford, Leavenworth, Lyon, Montgomery, Reno, Saline, Sedgwick, Seward, Shawnee and Wyandotte); one stayed the same (Cowley); and two improved (Geary and Johnson).

Eight of the ten counties with the highest percent of births to mothers with less than a high school degree are located in the southwest quadrant of Kansas.

	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91			CURRENT YEAR - 1992			
COUNTY	AVERAGE # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	% BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	DECILE RANK	# OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	% BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	38	19	8	31	18	7	-9
ANDERSON	21	21	9	19	20	7	-4
ATCHISON	42	18	7	34	16	6	-10
BARBER	10	13	4	5	7	2	-45
BARTON	86	19	8	86	22	8	13
BOURBON	41	19	8	39	20	7	6
BROWN	31	19	8	24	17	6	-11
BUTLER	96	14	5	94	13	4	-7
CHASE	5	14	5	8	25	9	77
CHAUTAUQUA	12	26	9	5	14	4	-45
CHEROKEE	83	30	10	96	35	10	19
CHEYENNE	2	6	1	3	9	2	54
CLARK	3	11	4	3	9	3	-18
CLAY	16	15	5	18	13	4	-11
CLOUD	15	13	4	13	12	4	-7
COFFEY	14	13	4	14	15	5	15
COMANCHE	4	14	5	3	10	3	-26
COWLEY	103	20	9	105	20	7	0
CRAWFORD	85	19	8	95	21	7	6
DECATUR	3	7	1	2	6	1	-12
DICKINSON	40	16	6	41	15	5	-2
DONIPHAN	18	18	7	15	16	6	-11
DOUGLAS	100	9	2	90	9	2	-8
EDWARDS	10	24	9	11	27	9	13
ELK	7	19	8	8	29	9	50
ELLIS	18	5	1	11	4	1	-32
ELLSWORTH	7	9	2	7	12	3	23
FINNEY	295	39	10	382	45	10	15
FORD	169	31	10	181	32	10	3
FRANKLIN	65	19	8	69	20	7	3
GEARY	185	16	7	173	14	4	-15
GOVE	3	7	1	3	12	3	69
GRAHAM	4	9	2	3	10	3	7

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COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1987 - 91 AVERAGE # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	% BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	% BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	50	39	10	48	39	10	1
GRAY	22	26	9	23	29	9	10
GREELEY	5	18	7	4	17	6	-9
GREENWOOD	14	16	7	18	24	9	49
HAMILTON	6	18	7	2	7	2	-62
HARPER	15	17	7	18	20	7	15
HARVEY	64	15	6	70	17	6	10
HASKELL	21	29	10	21	28	9	-5
HODGEMAN	3	11	3	7	26	9	146
JACKSON	18	12	4	25	17	6	44
JEFFERSON	22	11	3	21	11	3	4
JEWELL	5	11	4	2	6	1	-46
JOHNSON	312	6	1	292	5	1	-9
KEARNY	25	32	10	30	45	10	42
KINGMAN	13	13	4	13	13	4	6
KIOWA	8	16	6	11	24	9	50
LABETTE	78	23	9	72	24	8	3
LANE	3	11	3	6	21	7	88
LEAVENWORTH	118	14	5	124	15	5	10
LINCOLN	3	9	2	1	3	1	-65
LINN	16	16	6	14	16	6	2
LOGAN	4	10	3	8	22	8	125
LYON	107	20	8	132	27	9	36
MARION	18	13	4	18	11	3	-12
MARSHALL	16	11	3	14	13	4	19
MCPHERSON	57	15	6	56	16	6	6
MEADE	9	14	5	15	24	8	69
MIAMI	45	13	5	44	15	5	10
MITCHELL	8	9	2	5	7	2	-28
MONTGOMERY	141	26	10	123	30	10	15
MORRIS	12	16	6	15	19	7	19
MORTON	11	25	9	18	41	10	64
NEMAHA	7	5	1	3	3	1	-48
NEOSHO	43	19	7	45	23	8	22
NESS	3	8	2	6	16	5	109
NORTON	5	8	2	8	12	4	56
OSAGE	27	13	5	22	11	3	-20
OSBORNE	5	8	2	7	15	5	75

COUNTY	AVERAGE # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	% BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	DECILE RANK	# OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	% BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	7	11	3	5	9	2	-13
PAWNEE	11	13	5	12	15	5	10
PHILLIPS	8	10	3	5	8	2	-11
POTTAWATOMIE	25	10	3	19	8	2	-22
PRATT	21	18	7	11	9	2	-49
RAWLINS	4	9	2	6	18	7	107
RENO	164	20	8	166	22	8	10
REPUBLIC	5	7	1	9	14	4	103
RICE	22	16	6	18	15	5	-6
RILEY	72	8	2	59	7	2	-16
ROOKS	8	10	3	2	3	1	-71
RUSH	5	13	4	6	17	6	27
RUSSELL	13	15	6	8	12	4	-23
SALINE	106	14	5	130	17	6	18
SCOTT	13	17	7	11	15	5	-8
SEDGWICK	1463	20	8	1578	21	8	7
SEWARD	151	39	10	168	45	10	14
SHAWNEE	389	16	6	433	19	7	16
SHERIDAN	2	6	1	1	3	1	-45
SHERMAN	21	20	9	23	27	9	34
SMITH	4	9	2	3	6	1	-33
STAFFORD	8	12	4	8	15	5	26
STANTON	14	33	10	15	37	10	9
STEVENS	16	20	9	19	23	8	15
SUMNER	60	17	7	61	17	6	2
THOMAS	15	12	4	11	10	3	-19
TREGO	3	7	1	4	11	3	59
WABAUNSEE	7	10	3	11	13	4	37
WALLACE	5	15	6	2	8	2	-46
WASHINGTON	5	7	1	0	0	1	-100
WICHITA	8	22	9	13	29	10	34
WILSON	29	22	9	27	22	8	-1
WOODSON	6	15	6	7	22	8	45
WYANDOTTE	800	27	10	792	28	9	4
KANSAS	6,459	17		6,695	18		6

Data provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Base years are 1987 through 1991. For all indicators, decile ranks are scored so that "1" indicates the most positive outcome and "10" indicates the most negative outcome. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

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STUDENTS GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL

Today's children require a higher level of education than ever before. Business leaders complain that the labor force cannot meet their required skill level, especially with regard to technology. The number of jobs requiring only minimum-level skills will be cut in half in the next ten years, putting even more emphasis on the need for higher-level skills.

In 1992, 17 percent of Kansas students did not graduate in four years. Career options for these students will be limited.

For the last three years, the Kansas graduation rate has been virtually unchanged. However, some counties report exemplary graduation rates, suggesting that improvement in the state rate is possible. Several counties — Edwards, Greeley, Hodgeman, Jewell, Nemaha and Sheridan — report a graduation rate of 100 percent. Forty-eight counties in Kansas graduate 90 percent or more of their students in four years.

Five counties have a graduation rate of 75 percent or less: Cowley, Finney, Montgomery, Seward and Sherman.

	BASE YEARS 1990 - 91			CURRENT YEAR - 1992			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER OF GRADUATES	GRADUATION PERCENT	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF GRADUATES	GRADUATION PERCENT	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	158	83	9	170	83	8	0
ANDERSON	73	84	9	90	89	5	6
ATCHISON	174	86	8	139	76	10	-11
BARBER	70	88	6	66	86	7	-3
BARTON	289	85	8	284	82	8	-3
BOURBON	164	84	9	150	80	9	-5
BROWN	101	85	8	114	92	4	8
BUTLER	627	86	8	671	85	7	-2
CHASE	42	92	4	33	82	8	-11
CHAUTAUQUA	55	91	5	47	89	6	-3
CHEROKEE	245	82	9	224	79	9	-4
CHEYENNE	40	87	7	48	89	6	2
CLARK	31	94	3	37	97	2	4
CLAY	107	88	6	106	89	5	1
CLOUD	104	87	7	91	91	4	4
COFFEY	122	95	2	118	94	3	-2
COMANCHE	24	100	1	32	97	2	-3
COWLEY	408	75	10	354	72	10	-4
CRAWFORD	356	86	8	341	83	8	-4
DECATUR	48	94	2	46	98	1	4
DICKINSON	257	86	8	261	86	6	0
DONIPHAN	114	90	5	91	83	8	-7
DOUGLAS	545	81	9	563	79	9	-2
EDWARDS	42	87	7	33	100	1	15
ELK	39	81	9	42	93	3	15
ELLIS	223	93	3	252	90	5	-3
ELLSWORTH	101	96	1	90	97	2	1
FINNEY	318	74	10	315	71	10	-4
FORD	255	73	10	255	78	10	6
FRANKLIN	237	81	9	259	83	8	2
GEARY	271	71	10	307	78	10	9
GOVE	53	99	1	50	96	2	-3
GRAHAM	40	95	2	41	98	2	3

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COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1990 - 91 AVERAGE NUMBER OF GRADUATES	GRADUATION PERCENT	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 NUMBER OF GRADUATES	GRADUATION PERCENT	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	88	80	10	75	80	9	-1
GRAY	79	92	4	80	89	6	-4
GREELEY	21	90	5	29	100	1	12
GREENWOOD	98	96	1	75	88	6	-8
HAMILTON	29	88	6	26	87	6	-2
HARPER	80	85	8	66	82	8	-3
HARVEY	349	92	4	326	88	6	-4
HASKELL	66	94	3	67	87	6	-7
HODGEMAN	33	95	2	28	100	1	6
JACKSON	135	91	5	139	90	4	-1
JEFFERSON	239	92	4	243	91	4	-1
JEWELL	56	97	1	44	100	1	4
JOHNSON	3487	87	7	3460	86	7	0
KEARNY	56	88	7	53	93	3	6
KINGMAN	96	92	4	107	91	4	-1
KIOWA	48	96	1	56	98	1	2
LABETTE	290	82	9	248	76	10	-7
LANE	30	86	8	35	90	5	5
LEAVENWORTH	727	89	6	701	90	5	1
LINCOLN	40	91	5	37	82	9	-10
LINN	103	90	5	116	94	3	4
LOGAN	43	95	2	54	96	2	2
LYON	354	83	9	346	83	8	1
MCPHERSON	280	88	6	237	83	8	-6
MARION	154	91	5	143	93	4	2
MARSHALL	146	89	6	135	84	7	-6
MEADE	36	92	4	44	96	2	4
MIAMI	250	87	7	221	84	7	-4
MITCHELL	98	95	2	85	98	1	3
MONTGOMERY	417	78	10	318	65	10	-16
MORRIS	63	93	3	68	84	7	-10
MORTON	52	92	4	50	91	4	-1
NEMAHA	128	97	1	123	100	1	3
NEOSHO	189	88	7	183	87	6	0
NESS	58	97	1	43	93	3	-3
NORTON	89	94	3	76	95	2	1
OSAGE	195	90	5	164	85	7	-5
OSBORNE	32	96	2	32	94	3	-1

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1990 - 91 AVERAGE NUMBER OF GRADUATES	GRADUATION PERCENT	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1992 NUMBER OF GRADUATES	GRADUATION PERCENT	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	78	91	5	79	89	6	-3
PAWNEE	96	92	5	80	87	6	-5
PHILLIPS	66	89	6	74	90	4	1
POTTAWATOMIE	221	92	4	220	90	5	-2
PRATT	104	89	6	109	84	7	-5
RAWLINS	34	94	2	37	95	3	0
RENO	612	82	9	613	82	9	0
REPUBLIC	64	92	4	70	95	3	3
RICE	119	87	7	111	83	8	-5
RILEY	445	86	8	439	86	7	0
ROOKS	82	94	3	77	96	2	2
RUSH	50	93	4	42	93	3	0
RUSSELL	93	94	3	66	82	8	-12
SALINE	479	85	8	470	86	7	1
SCOTT	77	94	3	74	82	9	-13
SEDGWICK	3502	76	10	3585	77	10	1
SEWARD	227	77	10	212	74	10	-4
SHAWNEE	1394	74	10	1472	78	9	5
SHERIDAN	38	95	2	43	100	1	5
SHERMAN	82	80	10	66	72	10	-9
SMITH	58	92	4	61	98	1	7
STAFFORD	63	88	7	59	91	4	4
STANTON	35	99	1	42	98	2	-1
STEVENS	74	94	3	68	89	5	-5
SUMNER	279	88	6	294	89	5	2
THOMAS	109	93	3	94	91	4	-2
TREGO	43	97	1	37	92	4	-4
WABAUNSEE	72	87	7	63	81	9	-6
WALLACE	34	87	7	29	97	2	11
WASHINGTON	108	95	2	139	95	3	-1
WICHITA	45	95	2	30	81	9	-15
WILSON	144	88	6	135	90	5	2
WOODSON	37	88	6	36	90	5	2
WYANDOTTE	2070	84	9	1907	85	7	2
KANSAS	25,527	84		24,985	83		-1

Rates are the percent of ninth grade students who graduated four years later. Base years are 1990 and 1991.

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REPORTED CHILD ABUSE / NEGLECT

Several years ago the United States Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect concluded that child abuse and neglect in the United States represents a "national emergency." This conclusion is no less true in Kansas which had 22,571 reports of child abuse and neglect in 1992.

Child abuse is defined as any physical or emotional injury or sexual act inflicted upon a child by a care giver. Neglect means failure on the part of the care giver to provide for a child's physical needs such as food, clothing, medical care or for a child's emotional needs such as love and hope.

Counties can best use these data by making them the beginning of the conversation about child abuse. Large numbers of reports of child abuse could signal an unusually severe problem or they could be the result of an effective public awareness campaign. Interested parties at the local level are in the best position to evaluate their county's data.

According to the 1992 Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services' data, there has been little change in the number of reports of child abuse in Kansas over the last five to six years. However, it would appear that the reliability of these data has declined in the last three years with all reported cases not being entered in the state data system.

	BASE YEARS - 1987 - 89 & 91			CURRENT YEAR 1992			
COUNTY	AVG NUMBER REPORTED CASES	REPORTED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER REPORTED CASES	REPORTED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	111	27.7	6	2	.5	1	-98
ANDERSON	64	30.8	7	35	16.5	5	-47
ATCHISON	108	23.1	4	26	5.4	3	-77
BARBER	38	24.4	5	30	19.0	6	-22
BARTON	305	38.5	8	280	34.7	8	-10
BOURBON	155	39.9	8	136	34.9	8	-13
BROWN	122	39.7	8	23	7.5	3	-81
BUTLER	368	25.2	5	204	14.3	5	-43
CHASE	12	15.3	3	8	10.5	4	-31
CHAUTAUQUA	10	9.7	2	0	0.0	1	-100
CHEROKEE	349	61.8	10	131	22.7	6	-63
CHEYENNE	33	42.2	9	25	31.1	8	-26
CLARK	17	28.5	6	6	9.8	4	-66
CLAY	78	33.3	7	19	8.0	3	-76
CLOUD	73	29.0	6	29	11.1	4	-62
COFFEY	109	47.7	9	73	31.1	8	-35
COMANCHE	7	12.4	2	17	29.5	8	137
COWLEY	263	26.8	5	190	19.4	6	-28
CRAWFORD	443	53.4	10	43	5.1	2	-90
DECATUR	13	12.3	2	3	2.8	2	-77
DICKINSON	167	33.7	7	190	37.7	9	12
DONIPHAN	56	26.2	5	16	7.2	3	-72
DOUGLAS	962	57.5	10	1034	64.0	10	11
EDWARDS	18	18.7	4	10	10.3	4	-45
ELK	14	19.9	4	21	27.9	8	40
ELLIS	223	33.1	7	539	79.7	10	141
ELLSWORTH	27	17.5	3	34	21.5	6	23
FINNEY	458	40.5	9	441	41.8	9	3
FORD	295	37.1	8	282	36.3	9	-2
FRANKLIN	288	46.8	9	234	38.1	9	-18
GEARY	407	45.2	9	340	38.1	9	-16
GOVE	2	1.7	1	6	6.6	3	279
GRAHAM	28	29.7	6	8	8.3	4	-72

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COUNTY	AVG NUMBER REPORTED CASES	REPORTED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER REPORTED CASES	REPORTED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	59	23.8	5	31	12.6	4	-47
GRAY	19	11.0	2	7	4.1	2	-63
GREELEY	3	5.5	1	0	0.0	1	-100
GREENWOOD	46	24.7	5	0	0.0	1	-100
HAMILTON	2	3.7	1	0	0.0	1	-100
HARPER	71	39.5	8	54	29.6	8	-25
HARVEY	386	47.2	9	397	48.7	10	3
HASKELL	12	9.7	2	40	31.6	8	226
HODGEMAN	4	6.5	1	5	8.2	4	25
JACKSON	59	17.7	4	13	3.9	2	-78
JEFFERSON	137	31.5	7	116	26.4	7	-16
JEWELL	12	11.6	2	19	17.8	6	54
JOHNSON	1469	15.4	3	2273	24.8	7	61
KEARNY	10	7.1	1	0	0.0	1	-100
KINGMAN	76	33.1	7	33	14.2	5	-57
KIOWA	25	26.1	5	20	20.8	6	-20
LABETTE	235	37.4	8	269	41.5	9	11
LANE	9	14.1	3	3	4.5	2	-68
LEAVENWORTH	681	39.7	8	637	37.6	9	-5
LINCOLN	11	12.6	2	3	3.4	2	-73
LINN	130	61.5	10	51	24.1	7	-61
LOGAN	10	12.6	2	20	23.6	7	88
LYON	540	58.1	10	261	28.4	7	-51
MARION	107	35.4	7	46	15.1	5	-57
MARSHALL	43	13.8	3	8	2.6	1	-81
MCPHERSON	269	37.9	8	290	41.2	9	9
MEADE	33	28.7	6	20	16.9	5	-41
MIAMI	290	44.5	9	152	23.5	7	-47
MITCHELL	22	11.4	2	15	7.6	3	-34
MONTGOMERY	321	32.0	7	118	11.5	4	-64
MORRIS	46	29.2	6	28	17.9	6	-39
MORTON	20	18.7	4	0	0.0	1	-100
NEMAHA	32	10.7	2	4	1.3	1	-88
NEOSHO	157	35.6	7	13	2.9	2	-92
NESS	8	7.5	1	4	3.7	2	-51
NORTON	38	28.5	6	35	25.4	7	-11
OSAGE	223	54.1	10	145	34.8	9	-36
OSBORNE	25	21.0	4	12	9.8	4	-54

COUNTY	AVG NUMBER REPORTED CASES	REPORTED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER REPORTED CASES	REPORTED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	32	22.3	4	9	6.2	3	-72
PAWNEE	86	43.9	9	50	25.3	7	-42
PHILLIPS	49	29.8	6	26	15.3	5	-49
POTTAWATOMIE	140	29.5	6	114	24.6	7	-17
PRATT	82	32.8	7	39	15.6	5	-53
RAWLINS	13	14.2	3	7	7.4	3	-48
RENO	822	51.7	10	749	46.2	10	-11
REPUBLIC	25	16.6	3	4	2.6	2	-84
RICE	46	16.4	3	61	21.5	6	31
RILEY	424	29.3	6	334	23.3	6	-20
ROOKS	29	17.8	4	13	7.8	3	-57
RUSH	24	26.8	5	48	52.5	10	96
RUSSELL	39	21.4	4	24	12.8	5	-40
SALINE	302	23.3	5	267	20.4	6	-12
SCOTT	14	9.1	1	13	8.2	4	-10
SEDGWICK	4280	38.2	8	5270	47.9	10	25
SEWARD	318	54.1	10	339	58.8	10	9
SHAWNEE	1229	29.5	6	1277	30.5	8	4
SHERIDAN	3	3.7	1	9	9.8	4	164
SHERMAN	109	59.4	10	87	45.4	10	-24
SMITH	28	24.8	5	7	5.9	3	-76
STAFFORD	52	37.4	8	26	19.0	6	-49
STANTON	13	17.3	3	4	5.3	2	-69
STEVENS	31	19.7	4	58	37.9	9	92
SUMNER	237	31.7	7	231	31.3	8	-1
THOMAS	46	19.7	4	63	26.8	7	36
TREGO	2	1.8	1	14	14.0	5	674
WABAUNSEE	27	15.0	3	27	14.9	5	-1
WALLACE	21	40.2	9	13	23.9	7	-41
WASHINGTON	14	7.9	1	0	0.0	1	-100
WICHITA	9	10.3	2	4	4.4	2	-57
WILSON	109	41.3	9	150	54.4	10	32
WOODSON	40	40.0	9	36	36.0	9	-10
WYANDOTTE	3058	66.4	10	3621	77.0	10	16
KANSAS	23,005	34.8		22,571	34.3		-1

Rates are per 1,000 children under age 18. Base years are 1987-89 and 1991. Data were not available for 1990. Change score is percentage change from base years to 1992.

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CONFIRMED CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services is the state agency responsible for receiving reports of child abuse and neglect and deciding on their status. Kansas has maintained three categories of reports: confirmed, eligible for services and unfounded. The data reported here indicate the number of reports that fall into the "confirmed" category.

In 1992, Kansas had a rate of confirmed child abuse and neglect of 4.4 per 1,000 children under age 18. The actual number of cases was 2,867 in 1992. This marks a 5 percent increase from the base years (1987-89 and 1991) to the current year. Under reporting appears to be occurring in some counties which would also artificially reduce the number of confirmed cases.

It may be helpful for readers to create a "confirmation rate" by dividing the confirmed child abuse and neglect rate by the reported child abuse and neglect rate. Using this formula, the 1992 confirmation rate would be 13 percent for the state. According to national experts, the national confirmation rate is between 30 and 40 percent.

Child abuse and neglect is a significant problem for children and, consequently, is an essential measurement for a report on the well-being of children. While the data reported here is the best available, it does not reflect the full scope of the problem. *Kansas Kids Count* will continue to press for improved data.

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1987 - 89 & 91 AVG NUMBER CONFIRMED CASES	BASE YEARS - 1987 - 89 & 91 CONFIRMED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	BASE YEARS - 1987 - 89 & 91 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR 1992 NUMBER CONFIRMED CASES	CURRENT YEAR 1992 CONFIRMED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	CURRENT YEAR 1992 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	12	3.0	4	2	.5	3	-84
ANDERSON	14	6.8	9	3	1.4	5	-79
ATCHISON	11	2.4	4	1	.2	2	-91
BARBER	5	2.9	4	6	3.8	8	33
BARTON	30	3.8	6	46	5.7	9	52
BOURBON	15	3.7	6	19	4.9	9	30
BROWN	16	5.1	8	8	2.6	6	-50
BUTLER	51	3.5	5	21	1.5	5	-58
CHASE	1	1.7	3	3	3.9	8	136
CHAUTAUQUA	2	1.5	2	0	0.0	1	-100
CHEROKEE	65	11.6	10	14	2.4	6	-79
CHEYENNE	4	4.5	7	4	5.0	9	11
CLARK	3	4.1	6	0	0.0	1	-100
CLAY	17	7.4	10	3	1.3	4	-83
CLOUD	13	5.3	8	0	0.0	1	-100
COFFEY	17	7.3	10	2	.9	4	-88
COMANCHE	3	5.3	8	5	8.7	10	63
COWLEY	31	3.1	5	13	1.3	5	-57
CRAWFORD	83	10.0	10	18	2.1	6	-79
DECATUR	4	3.6	6	1	.9	4	-74
DICKINSON	19	3.9	6	25	5.0	9	27
DONIPHAN	7	3.3	5	3	1.4	5	-59
DOUGLAS	90	5.4	8	144	8.9	10	66
EDWARDS	5	4.8	7	0	0.0	1	-100
ELK	1	1.4	2	1	1.3	5	-5
ELLIS	38	5.6	9	66	9.8	10	73
ELLSWORTH	3	1.6	3	1	.6	3	-61
FINNEY	33	2.9	4	23	2.2	6	-25
FORD	31	3.8	6	10	1.3	5	-66
FRANKLIN	21	3.4	5	22	3.6	8	6
GEARY	55	6.1	9	69	7.7	10	28
GOVE	0	.3	1	0	0.0	1	-100
GRAHAM	5	5.7	9	2	2.1	6	-63

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COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1987-89 & 91 AVG. NUMBER CONFIRMED CASES	BASE YEARS 1987-89 & 91 CONFIRMED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	BASE YEARS 1987-89 & 91 DECILE RANK	1992 NUMBER CONFIRMED CASES	1992 CONFIRMED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	1992 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	5	2.1	4	1	.4	3	-81
GRAY	2	1.0	2	0	0.0	1	-100
GREELEY	0	.5	1	0	0.0	1	-100
GREENWOOD	4	2.0	3	0	0.0	1	-100
HAMILTON	1	.8	1	0	0.0	1	-100
HARPER	16	8.9	10	8	4.4	8	-50
HARVEY	61	7.4	10	52	6.4	9	-14
HASKELL	2	1.6	3	1	.8	3	-50
HODGEMAN	0	0.0	1	0	0.0	1	.
JACKSON	7	2.0	3	1	.3	2	-85
JEFFERSON	15	3.4	5	12	2.7	7	-21
JEWELL	4	3.4	5	1	.9	4	-73
JOHNSON	185	1.9	3	177	1.9	5	-1
KEARNY	1	.7	1	0	0.0	1	-100
KINGMAN	12	5.2	8	4	1.7	5	-67
KIOWA	8	8.4	10	2	2.1	6	-75
LABETTE	24	3.9	6	28	4.3	8	12
LANE	1	1.5	2	1	1.5	5	-1
LEAVENWORTH	75	4.3	7	86	5.1	9	17
LINCOLN	1	1.1	2	0	0.0	1	-100
LINN	14	6.4	9	2	.9	4	-85
LOGAN	3	3.4	5	5	5.9	9	75
LYON	46	4.9	7	11	1.2	4	-76
MARION	12	4.0	6	6	2.0	6	-50
MARSHALL	4	1.1	2	1	.3	3	-71
MCPHERSON	19	2.6	4	20	2.8	7	9
MEADE	1	1.1	2	4	3.4	7	213
MIAMI	24	3.6	6	13	2.0	6	-45
MITCHELL	4	2.1	4	2	1.0	4	-51
MONTGOMERY	52	5.2	8	47	4.6	8	-12
MORRIS	8	5.3	8	1	.6	3	-88
MORTON	7	6.1	9	0	0.0	1	-100
NEMAHA	4	1.3	2	3	1.0	4	-26
NEOSHO	31	7.0	9	0	0.0	1	-100
NESS	1	.7	1	0	0.0	1	-100
NORTON	3	1.9	3	1	.7	3	-62
OSAGE	19	4.5	7	32	7.7	10	71
OSBORNE	5	4.2	7	6	4.9	9	15
OTTAWA	8	5.2	8	3	2.1	6	-61
PAWNEE	15	7.7	10	17	8.6	10	12
PHILLIPS	4	2.3	4	1	.6	3	-74
POTTAWATOMIE	23	4.8	7	6	1.3	5	-73
PRATT	18	7.1	10	8	3.2	7	-55
RAWLINS	1	.8	1	1	1.1	4	27
RENO	89	5.6	9	78	4.8	8	-14
REPUBLIC	3	1.7	3	0	0.0	1	-100
RICE	3	1.1	2	1	.4	3	-67
RILEY	46	3.2	5	46	3.2	7	2
ROOKS	5	2.8	4	1	.6	3	-79
RUSH	5	5.1	7	7	7.7	10	49
RUSSELL	7	3.6	5	6	3.2	7	-11
SALINE	88	6.7	9	39	3.0	7	-56
SCOTT	2	1.0	2	5	3.2	7	222
SEDGWICK	438	3.9	6	898	8.2	10	109
SEWARD	41	7.0	9	43	7.5	10	6
SHAWNEE	189	4.5	7	201	4.8	8	6
SHERIDAN	0	0.0	1	0	0.0	1	.
SHERMAN	10	5.4	8	5	2.6	6	-52
SMITH	4	3.5	5	1	.8	4	-76
STAFFORD	13	9.3	10	5	3.6	8	-61
STANTON	4	5.0	7	2	2.6	7	-47
STEVENS	7	4.2	6	3	2.0	6	-53
SUMNER	41	5.4	8	42	5.7	9	5
THOMAS	5	2.0	3	7	3.0	7	46
TREGO	0	.3	1	4	4.0	8	1447
WABAUNSEE	3	1.5	3	2	1.1	4	-28
WALLACE	2	2.8	4	0	0.0	1	-100
WASHINGTON	1	.6	1	0	0.0	1	-100
WICHITA	1	1.4	2	3	3.3	7	133
WILSON	14	5.1	7	17	6.2	9	20
WOODSON	3	2.5	4	5	5.0	9	97
WYANDOTTE	301	6.5	9	347	7.4	10	13
KANSAS	2,761	4.2		2,867	4.4		5

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OUT - OF - HOME PLACEMENT

On a given day in 1992, 6,133 Kansas children were living apart from their parents and out of their homes according to an annual survey. These children were in the custody of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and were living in a foster family home, a youth center, a residential facility or other similar placement.

The rate of these placements is growing in Kansas. The placement rate for 1992 grew 17 percent from the average placement rate for 1989 through 1991. In 1989, the placement rate was 6.8 per 1,000 children, growing to 8.2 in 1991 and 8.8 in 1992.

While there is general agreement that out-of-home placement is the best choice for some children, there is concern about its escalating use as well as its cost to the state.

In 1992, both Sedgwick and Wyandotte counties had over 1,000 children in out-of-home placement. Wyandotte County's out-of-home placement rate is the highest in the state at 24.6 per 1,000 children. High out-of-home placement rates also occur in smaller counties, some with rates in the range of 15 to 19 per 1,000 children. Elk County with a population of just 3,327 has an out- of-home placement rate of 19.8, the second highest in the state.

	BASE YEARS - 1989 - 91			CURRENT YEARS - 1992			
COUNTY	AVERAGE # IN PLACEMENT	PLACEMENT RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER IN PLACEMENT	PLACEMENT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	37	8.8	8	51	12.4	9	40
ANDERSON	5	2.5	3	3	1.4	2	-42
ATCHISON	59	11.9	10	64	13.2	9	11
BARBER	8	4.9	4	11	6.8	5	39
BARTON	64	7.7	7	68	8.4	7	9
BOURBON	40	9.7	9	34	8.4	7	-14
BROWN	23	7.2	7	30	9.5	8	32
BUTLER	115	7.5	7	99	6.4	5	-16
CHASE	5	6.2	6	6	7.6	6	22
CHAUTAUQUA	8	7.4	7	8	7.6	6	3
CHEROKEE	63	10.6	9	63	10.8	8	2
CHEYENNE	8	9.4	9	4	5.1	4	-46
CLARK	4	5.8	5	1	1.6	2	-72
CLAY	20	8.3	8	28	11.7	9	40
CLOUD	37	13.7	10	41	15.8	10	15
COFFEY	9	3.6	3	8	3.5	3	-5
COMANCHE	4	6.3	6	7	12.3	9	96
COWLEY	97	9.4	9	55	5.4	4	-43
CRAWFORD	87	9.9	9	120	13.9	10	40
DECATUR	2	2.2	2	1	1.0	1	-56
DICKINSON	23	4.4	4	42	8.3	7	87
DONIPHAN	6	2.6	3	12	5.5	4	110
DOUGLAS	162	8.6	8	209	10.8	8	26
EDWARDS	7	6.8	6	9	9.5	8	39
ELK	11	15.2	10	14	19.8	10	30
ELLIS	43	6.0	5	48	6.8	5	12
ELLSWORTH	7	4.1	4	4	2.5	2	-39
FINNEY	107	9.0	8	93	7.4	6	-18
FORD	51	6.0	5	66	7.7	6	28
FRANKLIN	42	6.5	6	58	9.0	7	38
GEARY	80	8.5	8	90	9.5	8	12
GOVE	2	1.8	2	3	3.5	3	90
GRAHAM	9	9.4	9	10	10.9	8	16

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COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1989 - 91 AVERAGE # IN PLACEMENT	PLACEMENT RATE	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEARS - 1992 NUMBER IN PLACEMENT	PLACEMENT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	7	2.9	3	11	4.3	4	49
GRAY	1	.7	1	1	.5	1	-26
GREELEY	2	3.5	3	2	3.6	3	0
GREENWOOD	24	12.0	10	30	15.6	10	30
HAMILTON	8	12.3	10	5	7.9	6	-36
HARPER	21	11.3	10	27	14.4	10	28
HARVEY	44	5.1	4	70	8.1	6	58
HASKELL	6	4.8	4	5	3.8	3	-21
HODGEMAN	0	.5	1	0	0.0	1	-100
JACKSON	7	1.9	2	7	2.0	2	6
JEFFERSON	20	4.5	4	34	7.5	6	69
JEWELL	1	.9	1	1	1.0	1	5
JOHNSON	229	2.3	2	279	2.7	2	18
KEARNY	9	6.2	6	12	8.4	7	35
KINGMAN	14	5.9	5	8	3.4	3	-42
KIOWA	9	9.0	8	11	11.2	9	24
LABETTE	58	8.7	8	41	6.4	5	-27
LANE	1	2.0	2	2	3.0	2	53
LEAVENWORTH	75	4.2	4	85	4.7	4	12
LINCOLN	1	1.5	1	5	5.6	5	283
LINN	8	3.6	3	4	1.8	2	-50
LOGAN	1	1.2	1	0	0.0	1	-100
LYON	84	8.5	8	102	10.3	8	21
MARION	13	4.1	4	20	6.4	5	56
MARSHALL	6	2.0	2	14	4.4	4	123
MCPHERSON	53	7.1	6	42	5.6	5	-21
MEADE	6	5.2	5	7	5.9	5	13
MIAMI	37	5.4	5	49	7.1	6	33
MITCHELL	3	1.5	2	3	1.5	2	3
MONTGOMERY	77	7.3	7	89	8.6	7	18
MORRIS	12	7.6	7	15	9.3	7	23
MORTON	15	13.7	10	9	8.3	7	-39
NEMAHA	7	2.2	2	10	3.3	3	46
NEOSHO	20	4.4	4	20	4.5	4	2
NESS	1	1.2	1	1	.9	1	-23
NORTON	7	5.0	4	11	8.3	6	64
OSAGE	18	4.3	4	15	3.5	3	-17
OSBORNE	8	6.8	6	18	15.4	10	126
OTTAWA	3	2.2	2	6	4.1	4	83
PAWNEE	17	8.5	8	15	7.4	6	-12
PHILLIPS	12	6.8	6	22	13.3	10	95
POTTAWATOMIE	20	3.9	3	17	3.3	3	-15
PRATT	26	10.0	9	18	6.9	6	-31
RAWLINS	2	1.8	2	1	1.1	1	-37
RENO	188	11.2	9	191	11.7	9	4
REPUBLIC	2	1.1	1	0	0.0	1	-100
RICE	21	7.2	7	27	9.4	8	31
RILEY	58	3.5	3	77	4.7	4	34
ROOKS	3	1.8	2	7	4.4	4	144
RUSH	5	5.8	5	5	5.6	5	-2
RUSSELL	14	7.6	7	12	6.6	5	-13
SALINE	110	8.1	7	119	8.9	7	10
SCOTT	11	6.9	6	13	8.4	7	22
SEDGWICK	837	7.2	7	1197	10.1	8	41
SEWARD	63	10.3	9	75	12.0	9	17
SHAWNEE	454	10.4	9	478	11.0	9	6
SHERIDAN	3	3.0	3	2	2.3	2	-21
SHERMAN	25	12.7	10	27	14.6	10	15
SMITH	8	6.5	6	3	2.6	2	-59
STAFFORD	8	5.8	5	17	11.8	9	104
STANTON	1	.9	1	0	0.0	1	-100
STEVENS	14	8.5	8	8	4.9	4	-42
SUMNER	101	12.9	10	129	16.3	10	26
THOMAS	21	8.3	7	23	9.4	8	13
TREGO	11	10.6	9	11	11.3	9	7
WABAUNSEE	3	1.4	1	7	3.8	3	166
WALLACE	3	6.0	5	2	3.7	3	-38
WASHINGTON	2	1.1	1	2	1.2	1	6
WICHITA	5	5.9	5	10	11.4	9	94
WILSON	19	7.0	6	24	9.1	7	30
WOODSON	4	3.6	3	3	3.0	2	-17
WYANDOTTE	1007	20.9	10	1160	24.6	10	18
KANSAS	5,240	7.5		6,133	8.8		17

Data are for children in SRS custody only. Rates are calculated per 1,000 children age 18 and under. Base rates are for years 1989 through 1991

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TEEN VIOLENT DEATH

Parents who have waited up at night for their teenager to return home know why this indicator is an important one. It measures the rate at which teens, age 15 to 19, die as a result of accidents, suicides and homicides.

Data on teen violent deaths for 1992 are an indication of a reversal in the trend in teen violent deaths. Since 1980, the teen violent death rate has declined. In 1980 it was 84.5 per 100,000 teens. The average for years 1987-1991 was 69.9. However, 1992 saw the rate climb to 82.0, near the 1980 level and a 17 percent increase from the previous five year average rate.

County specific data should be interpreted cautiously because the actual number of incidents in counties with a smaller population is very low. Thus, a county might experience one teen violent death in one year and two in the next and have a 100 percent increase in this indicator. However, even one of these preventable deaths is a cause for concern in local communities.

	BASE YEARS - 1987-91			CURRENT YEAR - 1992			
COUNTY	AVE # OF VIOLENT TEEN DEATHS	TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	# OF TEEN VIOLENT DEATHS	TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	.4	36.8	2	1	99.5	4	171
ANDERSON	.4	72.5	5	1	208.9	8	188
ATCHISON	1.4	89.0	6	1	70.0	3	-21
BARBER	.0	.0	1	1	348.7	9	.
BARTON	1.2	61.1	4	1	58.8	3	-4
BOURBON	1.2	106.2	7	2	189.2	7	78
BROWN	.8	111.0	8	2	302.5	8	172
BUTLER	4.2	115.9	8	2	57.8	3	-50
CHASE	.2	103.1	7	0	.	.	.
CHAUTAUQUA	.0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
CHEROKEE	2.6	164.2	9	2	136.3	6	-17
CHEYENNE	.2	106.9	7	0	.	.	.
CLARK	.4	277.1	10	0	.	.	.
CLAY	.2	36.0	2	2	396.9	10	1003
CLOUD	.4	44.5	2	0	.	.	.
COFFEY	.4	68.8	5	0	.	.	.
COMANCHE	.2	152.9	9	0	.	.	.
COWLEY	2.4	87.5	6	2	78.3	3	-11
CRAWFORD	3.6	135.1	9	3	125.4	5	-7
DECATUR	.2	94.4	6	1	577.8	10	512
DICKINSON	1.8	141.1	9	1	88.0	4	-38
DONIPHAN	.8	106.6	7	1	145.2	6	36
DOUGLAS	1.8	20.2	1	1	11.2	2	-44
EDWARDS	.0	.	.	0	.	.	.
ELK	.0	.	.	0	.	.	.
ELLIS	.8	36.1	2	0	.0	1	-100
ELLSWORTH	.4	98.2	7	0	.	.	.
FINNEY	1.4	55.4	3	4	155.0	6	180
FORD	3.6	162.3	9	0	.0	1	-100
FRANKLIN	1.0	63.6	4	0	.0	1	-100
GEARY	2.8	125.0	8	1	52.4	2	-58
GOVE	.0	.	.	0	.	.	.
GRAHAM	.6	270.5	10	0	.	.	.

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COUNTY	BASE YEARS: 1987-91 AVE # OF VIOLENT TEEN DEATHS	BASE YEARS: 1987-91 TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	BASE YEARS: 1987-91 DECILE RANK	LATEST YEAR: 1992 # OF TEEN VIOLENT DEATHS	LATEST YEAR: 1992 TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	LATEST YEAR: 1992 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	.6	107.5	7	0	.	.	.
GRAY	.2	51.4	3	0	.	.	.
GREELEY	.2	201.2	10	0	.	.	.
GREENWOOD	.6	114.1	8	1	206.6	7	81
HAMILTON	.0	.	.	0	.	.	.
HARPER	.2	49.3	3	0	.	.	.
HARVEY	.6	25.4	2	2	91.6	4	261
HASKELL	.8	270.8	10	1	359.9	9	33
HODGEMAN	.0	.	.	0	.	.	.
JACKSON	.8	97.6	6	1	131.3	5	34
JEFFERSON	1.0	93.2	6	2	204.4	7	119
JEWELL	.4	165.7	9	0	.	.	.
JOHNSON	10.4	46.8	3	5	22.9	2	-51
KEARNY	.6	200.3	10	0	.	.	.
KINGMAN	.6	107.2	7	1	201.3	7	88
KIOWA	.6	222.6	10	1	389.4	9	75
LABETTE	1.2	66.1	4	0	.0	1	-100
LANE	.2	150.4	9	0	.	.	.
LEAVENWORTH	3.0	72.4	5	9	229.5	8	217
LINCOLN	.2	90.5	6	1	494.2	10	446
LINN	1.2	222.8	10	0	.	.	.
LOGAN	.0	.	.	0	.	.	.
LYON	1.6	53.6	3	3	107.2	5	100
MARION	.4	45.5	3	1	125.9	5	176
MARSHALL	.8	119.1	8	0	.	.	.
MCPHERSON	.4	20.4	1	0	.0	1	-100
MEADE	.0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
MIAMI	1.0	59.1	4	6	376.7	9	537
MITCHELL	.2	32.7	2	0	.	.	.
MONTGOMERY	2.8	98.0	7	0	0	1	-100
MORRIS	1.0	257.3	10	0	.	.	.
MORTON	.2	76.6	5	0	.	.	.
NEMAHA	.8	119.3	8	0	.	.	.
NEOSHO	.4	34.1	2	3	284.7	8	735
NESS	.2	89.8	6	0	.	.	.
NORTON	.6	153.2	9	0	.	.	.
OSAGE	.6	58.3	4	0	.	.	.
OSBORNE	.2	74.4	5	0	.	.	.
OTTAWA	.2	61.6	4	0	.	.	.

COUNTY	BASE YEARS: 1987-91 AVE # OF VIOLENT TEEN DEATHS	BASE YEARS: 1987-91 TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	BASE YEARS: 1987-91 DECILE RANK	LATEST YEAR: 1992 # OF TEEN VIOLENT DEATHS	LATEST YEAR: 1992 TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	LATEST YEAR: 1992 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
PAWNEE	1.0	173.5	9	0	.	.	.
PHILLIPS	.2	51.9	3	0	.	.	.
POTTAWATOMIE	1.0	88.7	6	1	92.4	4	4
PRATT	.4	55.8	3	0	.	.	.
RAWLINS	.0	.	.	0	.	.	.
RENO	3.2	71.5	5	6	148.7	6	108
REPUBLIC	.2	57.5	4	0	.	.	.
RICE	.6	81.9	6	0	.	.	.
RILEY	1.8	23.4	1	0	.0	1	-100
ROOKS	.6	160.6	9	0	.	.	.
RUSH	.0	.	.	0	.	.	.
RUSSELL	.2	44.7	2	0	.	.	.
SALINE	2.8	81.6	6	2	65.8	3	-19
SCOTT	.0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
SEDGWICK	18.2	68.4	5	26	103.8	4	52
SEWARD	1.0	71.1	5	2	148.8	6	109
SHAWNEE	5.8	53.5	3	7	70.2	3	31
SHERIDAN	.2	98.2	7	0	.	.	.
SHERMAN	.6	113.0	8	3	670.3	10	493
SMITH	.2	67.2	4	1	386.4	9	475
STAFFORD	.2	66.3	4	0	.	.	.
STANTON	.2	122.5	8	0	.	.	.
STEVENS	.8	230.7	10	1	292.8	8	27
SUMNER	1.2	67.5	4	2	118.5	5	76
THOMAS	.6	76.4	5	0	.	.	.
TREGO	.0	.	.	0	.	.	.
WABAUNSEE	.2	43.3	2	0	.	.	.
WALLACE	.0	.	.	0	.	.	.
WASHINGTON	.0	.0	1	1	252.9	8	.
WICHITA	.2	108.3	8	1	638.7	10	490
WILSON	.2	29.5	2	1	165.5	7	461
WOODSON	.0	.0	1	0	.	.	.
WYANDOTTE	11.8	99.8	7	15	141.2	6	41
KANSAS	124	69.9		135	82.0		17

Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The base years consist of the average of years 1987 through 1991. Teen violent death rates represent the number of violent deaths per 100,000 children age 15 to 19. Negative change scores indicate improvement. For all indicators decile scores are scored so that "1" indicates the most positive outcome and "10" the most negative outcome. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks. Rates are not calculated for counties with too few children for meaningful interpretation.

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JUVENILE ARRESTS

The rate of juvenile arrests has grown steadily in Kansas from 33 per 1,000 in 1990, to 35 in 1991, to 38 in 1992. These figures mean that in 1992, 38 of every 1,000 children under the age of 18 were arrested.

These 24,820 arrests of Kansas youths in 1992 were made for crimes ranging from murder to status offenses like running away. In seeking strategies to address this indicator, individual counties may wish to examine trends in arrests by seriousness of the crime.

The county data defy stereotypical views of crime. For example, Johnson County, with the highest median family income in the state and a low incidence of childhood poverty, has a juvenile arrest rate of 34; yet, some counties with low median family incomes and high rates of childhood poverty, for example, Chase, Chautauqua and Smith, have low juvenile arrest rates.

The highest juvenile arrest rate in Kansas occurred in Finney County with 116 per 1,000, over three times the state average. Twenty-one counties reported no juvenile arrests in 1992.

	BASE YEARS - 1990-91			CURRENT YEAR - 1992			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	DECILE RANK	TOTAL ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	89	22	7	55	14	6	-39
ANDERSON	25	12	5	39	18	6	56
ATCHISON	150	32	8	157	33	8	3
BARBER	1	1	2	0	0	2	-100
BARTON	265	33	8	283	35	8	6
BOURBON	100	26	7	142	36	9	42
BROWN	48	16	6	60	19	7	24
BUTLER	278	19	6	324	23	7	19
CHASE	18	23	7	2	3	3	-89
CHAUTAUQUA	19	18	6	6	6	4	-69
CHEROKEE	110	19	7	106	18	7	-5
CHEYENNE	0	0	1	5	6	4	.
CLARK	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
CLAY	11	5	4	15	6	4	35
CLOUD	76	30	8	67	26	7	-14
COFFEY	21	9	5	13	6	4	-39
COMANCHE	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
COWLEY	487	50	10	549	56	10	13
CRAWFORD	158	19	6	253	30	8	59
DECATUR	1	1	2	2	2	3	97
DICKINSON	197	40	9	189	37	9	-5
DONIPHAN	13	6	4	25	11	5	94
DOUGLAS	531	32	8	512	32	8	-1
EDWARDS	3	3	3	0	0	2	-100
ELK	1	1	2	9	12	6	768
ELLIS	225	33	8	253	37	9	12
ELLSWORTH	15	9	5	63	40	9	329
FINNEY	980	88	10	1218	116	10	31
FORD	336	42	9	387	50	9	17
FRANKLIN	225	37	9	218	36	9	-3
GEARY	502	56	10	567	64	10	14
GOVE	4	4	4	0	0	2	-100
GRAHAM	22	24	7	0	0	2	-100

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COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1990-91 AVERAGE NUMBER ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR 1992 TOTAL ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	18	7	4	29	12	6	67
GRAY	3	1	2	0	0	2	-100
GREELEY	0	0	1	3	5	4	.
GREENWOOD	1	1	2	0	0	2	-100
HAMILTON	2	3	3	0	0	2	-100
HARPER	44	24	7	33	18	6	-25
HARVEY	159	19	7	182	22	7	15
HASKELL	1	1	2	1	1	3	0
HODGEMAN	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
JACKSON	6	2	3	16	5	3	164
JEFFERSON	37	8	4	27	6	4	-26
JEWELL	15	14	6	18	17	6	20
JOHNSON	3335	35	9	3155	34	8	-3
KEARNY	28	21	7	35	27	8	30
KINGMAN	2	1	2	0	0	2	-100
KIOWA	7	7	4	6	6	4	-9
LABETTE	201	32	8	266	41	9	29
LANE	5	7	4	4	6	4	-12
LEAVENWORTH	219	13	6	191	11	5	-12
LINCOLN	3	3	3	9	10	5	196
LINN	23	11	5	18	8	5	-22
LOGAN	13	15	6	14	17	6	9
LYON	183	20	7	205	22	7	13
MARION	37	12	5	34	11	5	-8
MARSHALL	36	11	5	38	12	6	7
MCPHERSON	107	15	6	82	12	5	-22
MEADE	3	3	3	0	0	2	-100
MIAMI	141	22	7	97	15	6	-31
MITCHELL	5	2	3	3	2	3	-35
MONTGOMERY	422	42	9	359	35	8	-17
MORRIS	64	41	9	81	52	10	27
MORTON	2	2	3	4	4	3	99
NEMAHA	14	4	4	29	10	5	112
NEOSHO	88	20	7	131	29	8	46
NESS	12	11	5	0	0	2	-100
NORTON	39	29	8	34	25	7	-16
OSAGE	31	7	4	39	9	5	27
OSBORNE	0	0	1	0	0	2	0

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1990-91 AVERAGE NUMBER ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR 1992 TOTAL ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	15	10	5	11	8	4	-28
PAWNEE	20	10	5	8	4	3	-60
PHILLIPS	2	1	2	0	0	2	-100
POTTAWATOMIE	71	15	6	75	16	6	8
PRATT	132	53	10	215	86	10	63
RAWLINS	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
RENO	918	57	10	1158	71	10	24
REPUBLIC	1	0	1	0	0	2	-100
RICE	54	19	6	22	8	5	-60
RILEY	496	34	9	562	39	9	14
ROOKS	13	8	4	13	8	4	-3
RUSH	1	1	2	0	0	2	-100
RUSSELL	72	39	9	96	51	10	31
SALINE	1014	78	10	964	74	10	-5
SCOTT	44	28	8	31	20	7	-31
SEDGWICK	5033	45	10	6531	59	10	31
SEWARD	332	57	10	372	65	10	14
SHAWNEE	1828	44	10	1800	43	9	-2
SHERIDAN	0	0	1	11	12	6	.
SHERMAN	97	52	10	89	46	9	-11
SMITH	1	1	2	0	0	2	-100
STAFFORD	4	3	3	29	21	7	731
STANTON	9	11	5	2	3	3	-77
STEVENS	6	4	3	11	7	4	101
SUMNER	195	26	8	227	31	8	18
THOMAS	97	41	9	71	30	8	-27
TREGO	9	9	4	3	3	3	-66
WABAUNSEE	5	3	3	7	4	3	54
WALLACE	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
WASHINGTON	22	12	6	17	9	5	-26
WICHITA	1	1	2	0	0	2	-100
WILSON	70	26	8	61	22	7	-15
WOODSON	37	37	9	25	25	7	-33
WYANDOTTE	1814	39	9	1747	37	9	-5
KANSAS	22,605	34		24,820	38		10

Data are from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. Arrest rates are calculated per 1,000 children under age 18. Base years are 1990 and 1991. Change scores are percentage change from the base years to 1992. Negative percent change scores indicate improvement.

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CHILDREN IN GRADES 5-12 WHO REGULARLY USE ALCOHOL OR WHO HAVE USED OTHER DRUGS

The use of alcohol and other drugs is a serious risk-taking behavior communities hope children will avoid. Children who use alcohol and other drugs can experience significant legal, educational, health and social consequences.

In Kansas, data indicate that nearly 12 percent of children in grades 5 through 12 use alcohol once a week or more often. Twenty-seven percent of this same group report that they have used drugs.

The highest rates of regular use of alcohol by children occur for the most part in counties which have populations of 25,000 or under — Anderson, Elk, Grant, Mitchell and Neosho. By contrast, counties with the highest rates of drug usage are more often the urban areas — Douglas, Johnson, Wyandotte, Sedgwick and Shawnee.

This information is taken from a survey administered by the DCCCA Center. In order to be included, a county needed to have a minimum of 30 surveys completed for each grade, 5 through 12. It is hoped that more school districts will participate in this yearly survey so that more counties can have this valuable data regarding alcohol and drug usage.

	CURRENT YEAR				
COUNTY	# RESPONDING TO THE SURVEY	% OF RESPONDENTS WHO USE ALCOHOL REGULARLY	ALCOHOL USE DECILE RANK	% OF RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE EVER USED DRUGS	DRUG USE DECILE RANK
ALLEN	.	.	.	.	.
ANDERSON	376	30.0	10	19.4	2
ATCHISON	1182	12.0	6	20.5	3
BARBER	.	.	.	.	.
BARTON	.	.	.	.	.
BOURBON	729	6.6	1	12.7	1
BROWN	993	11.0	4	22.5	4
BUTLER	3236	10.7	3	27.0	7
CHASE	.	.	.	.	.
CHAUTAUQUA	.	.	.	.	.
CHEROKEE	.	.	.	.	.
CHEYENNE	.	.	.	.	.
CLARK	.	.	.	.	.
CLAY	.	.	.	.	.
CLOUD	.	.	.	.	.
COFFEY	.	.	.	.	.
COMANCHE	.	.	.	.	.
COWLEY	2126	12.5	7	26.5	6
CRAWFORD	1521	10.7	3	26.1	6
DECATUR	.	.	.	.	.
DICKINSON	911	8.8	2	25.3	5
DONIPHAN	344	16.0	9	23.8	5
DOUGLAS	1495	11.7	5	38.6	10
EDWARDS	.	.	.	.	.
ELK	248	22.5	10	23.3	4
ELLIS	1337	12.6	7	20.3	3
ELLSWORTH	.	.	.	.	.
FINNEY	2427	8.0	1	24.2	5
FORD	1461	11.2	4	27.2	7
FRANKLIN	1238	13.0	7	31.6	9
GEARY	.	.	.	.	.
GOVE	.	.	.	.	.
GRAHAM	.	.	.	.	.

COUNTY	# RESPONDING TO THE SURVEY	% OF RESPONDENTS WHO USE ALCOHOL REGULARLY	CURRENT YEAR ALCOHOL USE DECILE RANK	% OF RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE EVER USED DRUGS	DRUG USE DECILE RANK
GRANT	736	16.2	10	27.3	7
GRAY					
GREELEY					
GREENWOOD					
HAMILTON					
HARPER					
HARVEY	1506	9.8	2	25.7	6
HASKELL					
HODGEMAN					
JACKSON	545	13.2	8	35.3	10
JEFFERSON	944	11.9	6	25.2	5
JEWELL					
JOHNSON	1596	15.1	9	37.8	10
KEARNY	442	9.3	2	20.6	3
KINGMAN					
KIOWA					
LABETTE					
LANE					
LEAVENWORTH	2206	13.0	7	29.9	8
LINCOLN					
LINN					
LOGAN					
LYON					
MARION	656	6.4	1	13.9	1
MARSHALL					
MCPHERSON					
MEADE					
MIAMI					
MITCHELL	324	16.0	9	20.4	3
MONTGOMERY					
MORRIS					
MORTON					
NEMAHA					
NEOSHO	853	15.8	9	25.5	6
NESS					
NORTON	290	11.4	5	19.7	2
OSAGE					
OSBORNE					

COUNTY	# RESPONDING TO THE SURVEY	% OF RESPONDENTS WHO USE ALCOHOL REGULARLY	ALCOHOL USE DECILE RANK	% OF RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE EVER USED DRUGS	DRUG USE DECILE RANK
OTTAWA					
PAWNEE					
PHILLIPS					
POTTAWATOMIE	333	13.8	8	21.3	4
PRATT					
RAWLINS					
RENO	1859	10.3	3	29.3	8
REPUBLIC					
RICE					
RILEY	1336	11.2	4	26.8	7
ROOKS					
RUSH	330	10.9	4	20.0	2
RUSSELL	565	10.2	3	19.3	2
SALINE	2443	13.4	8	30.0	8
SCOTT					
SEDGWICK	13668	11.8	6	30.9	9
SEWARD	1623	8.1	2	23.3	4
SHAWNEE	9352	11.5	5	31.7	9
SHERIDAN					
SHERMAN	386	7.5	1	17.6	1
SMITH					
STAFFORD					
STANTON					
STEVENS	339	11.5	5	16.5	1
SUMNER	897	20.4	10	30.7	8
THOMAS					
TREGO					
WABAUNSEE					
WALLACE					
WASHINGTON					
WICHITA					
WILSON					
WOODSON					
WYANDOTTE	3385	13.1	8	32.9	10
KANSAS	77,126	11.9		27.2	

Data are from the DCCCA Center. Regular use of alcohol means using alcohol once a week or more often. Drug use means use of any of the following: marijuana, cocaine, inhalants, LSD or steroids. Counties in which less than 30 children per grade completed the survey are not reported. State totals are from all survey respondents and include data from omitted counties.

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COUNTY BY COUNTY STATISTICS

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ALLEN

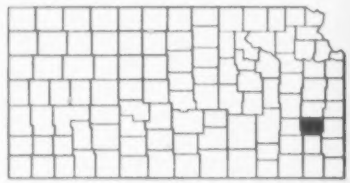
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.9	7.4	7	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	12.0	20.0	8	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		24.0	9	18.0	/ 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	50.0	62.6	8	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	12.3	5.7	3	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.0	80.0	7	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	44.0	48.0	7	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.0	6.3	6	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	47.0	47.0	3	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	66.0	77.0	5	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.0	18.0	7	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	83.0	83.0	8	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	27.7	5	1	34.3	1987-88&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.0	5	3	4.4	1987-88&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.8	12.4	9	8.8	1990-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	36.8	99.5	4	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	22.0	14.0	6	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

*Based on re-pondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	14,638	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.4%	88.4%
Black	1.8%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,426	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	56%	59.4%

County Seat: Iola



ALLEN COUNTY is a medium-sized county located in southeastern Kansas where over 27 percent of the residents are under the age of 18. The 1992 infant mortality rate represents a 54 percent improvement over the base years. The rate of juvenile arrests continues to be far lower than the state rate and the 1992 figures indicate the arrests of juveniles in Allen County are declining from base years. Although there has been an increase in the percentage of children fully immunized, less than half of the kindergartners in Allen County were fully immunized by age 2. Of further concern is the increase in the percentage of Allen County children in out-of-home placement which now exceeds the state average.

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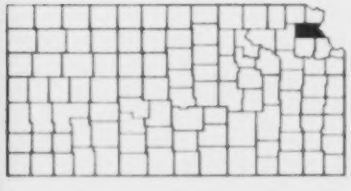
ANDERSON

DEMOGRAPHICS
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,803	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.0%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,914	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	64%	59.4%

County Seat: Garnett



ANDERSON COUNTY located in northeastern Kansas has a median income well under the state average. Despite this, the current percentage of children in poverty in this county has improved from the base years and is near the current state level. The out-of-home placement of children in Anderson County declined from the base years and continues to be one of the lowest rates in Kansas. While the percentage of children ever using drugs is lower than the state rate, the percentage of children who report regular use of alcohol is much higher and is cause for concern.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ... Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.3	7.3	6	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	16.0	15.0	5	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		16.0	6	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	24.6	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.1	10.4	5	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	77.0	83.0	6	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	51.0	35.0	10	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.0	6.3	6	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	63.0	71.0	8	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	21.0	20.0	7	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	84.0	89.0	5	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	30.8	16.5	5	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.8	1.4	5	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.5	1.4	2	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	72.5	208.9	8	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.0	18.0	6	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		30.0	10	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		19.4	2	27.2	1992	

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ATCHISON

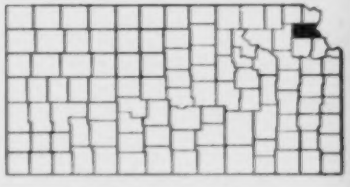
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time: Worse ← → Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	9.1	10.2	9	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	13.0	22.0	9	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		21.0	8	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	16.6	28.4	3	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	13.5	0	1	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	75.0	80.0	7	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	47.0	49.0	7	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.1	6.5	6	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	36.0	37.0	4	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	68.0	74.0	6	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	18.0	16.0	6	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	86.0	76.0	10	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	23.1	5.4	3	34.3	1987-88,91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.4	2	2	4.4	1987-88,91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.9	13.2	9	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	89.0	70.0	3	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	32.0	33.0	8	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		12.0	6	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		20.5	3	27.2	— / 1992	

Based on respondents to survey.

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	16,932	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	91.1%	88.4%
Black	5.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.8%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,772	$32,066
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	59%	59.4%

County Seat: Atchison



ATCHISON COUNTY in northeastern Kansas has a rate of children having tried drugs that is lower than the state rate. The percentage of children who report having used other drugs is below many other Kansas counties. There were no deaths to infants in this county during 1992. Problems include a current high school graduation rate in Atchison County which declined 11 percent from the base years and ranks as one of the lower rates in the state. The out-of-home placement of children has increased from base years and continues to exceed the state rate.

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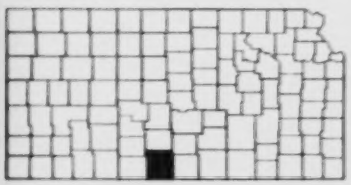
BARBER

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,874	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.0%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,577	$32,866
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	61%	59.4%

County Seat: Medicine Lodge



BARBER COUNTY is located on the Kansas-Oklahoma border. Barber County births in which the mother has less than a high school degree decreased from the base years and continues to be below the state rate. The current rate of out-of-home placement of children in Barber County is below the state level, but there was an increase of 39 percent from base years. Despite a slight increase in the current level of prenatal care, there was a sharp increase in the percentage of low birth weight babies.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.9	4.3	3	8.6	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	14.0	13.0	3	14.0	1979 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		6.0	1	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	31.3	76.3	9	27.5	1987-91 1992	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	•	•	8.8	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	80.0	81.0	7	83.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	56.0	56.0	5	53.0	1989-90 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.6	10.1	10	6.5	1987-91 1992	+
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	74.0	82.0	3	74.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.0	7.0	2	18.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.0	86.0	7	83.0	1990-91 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rates per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	24.4	19.0	6	34.3	1987-89&91 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rates per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.9	3.8	8	4.4	1987-89&91 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rates per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.9	6.8	5	8.8	1989-91 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rates per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	0	348.7	9	82.0	1987-91 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

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BARTON

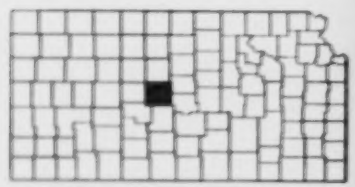
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.1	8.2	8	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	9.0	17.0	6	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		21.0	8	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	24.8	0	1	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.4	15.0	8	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	75.0	77.0	8	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	55.0	55.0	5	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.4	6.7	7	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	76.0	77.0	5	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.0	22.0	8	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	85.0	82.0	8	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	38.5	34.7	8	34.3	1987-88-89-90-91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.8	5.7	9	4.4	1987-88-89-90-91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.7	8.4	7	8.8	1989-90-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	61.1	58.8	3	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	33.0	35.0	8	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	29,382	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.2%	88.4%
Black	1.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aliuet	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,969	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	55%	59.4%

County Seat: Great Bend



BARTON COUNTY is a moderately-sized county located in west central Kansas with a median income below the state level. High school graduates in Barton County are pursuing post-secondary education at a level above the statewide rate. The current year saw a decrease in teen violent deaths in Barton County from the base years. This rate of violent deaths among children aged 15 to 19 remains below the state level. The percentage of children in poverty during the current year increased 84 percent. Barton County has no Head Start program for its children in poverty.

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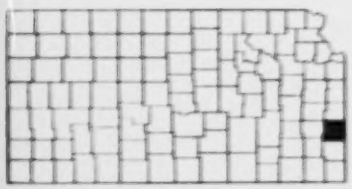
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	14,966	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.2%	88.4%
Black	2.8%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,462	$32,996
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	49%	59.8%

County Seat: Fort Scott



BOURBON COUNTY, whose county seat is Fort Scott, reports a rate of regular use of alcohol by its youth which is among the lowest in the state. Drug use by children in Bourbon County also ranks quite low compared to the rest of Kansas. Concerns include an increase in this county's infant mortality rate which continues to exceed the state rate. The current year also found a decline in the percentage of children who graduate from high school. This rate remains below the statewide high school graduation rate.

BOURBON

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time: Worse	Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING							
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.9	8.8	8	8.6	1987-91 / 1992		
Percent of Children in Poverty	16.0	25.0	10	14.0	1979 / 1989		
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		26.0	10	18.0	— / 1993		
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY							
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	45.8	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992		
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	11.0	20.6	9	8.8	1987-91 / 1992		
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	71.0	72.0	9	83.0	1987-91 / 1992		
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	56.0	50.0	6	53.0	1989-90 / 1992		
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.8	6.2	5	6.5	1987-91 / 1992		
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT							
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	32.0	32.0	4	36.0	1992 / 1993		
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	70.0	73.0	7	74.0	1987-91 / 1992		
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.0	20.0	7	18.0	1987-91 / 1992		
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	84.0	80.0	9	83.0	1990-91 / 1992		
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING							
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	39.9	34.9	8	34.3	1987,1990-91 / 1992		
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.7	4.9	9	4.4	1987,1990-91 / 1992		
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.7	8.4	7	8.8	1990-91 / 1992		
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	106.2	189.2	7	82.0	1987-91 / 1992		
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL							
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	26.0	36.0	9	38.0	1990-91 / 1992		
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		6.6	1	11.9	1992		
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		12.7	1	27.2	1992		

*Based on responses to survey

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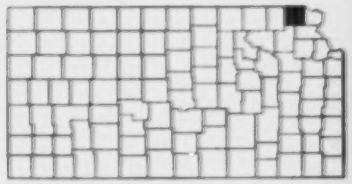
BROWN

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.7	12.5	10	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	16.0	22.0	9	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		25.0	10	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	57.0	40.5	6	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.4	6.9	3	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	77.0	80.0	7	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	61.0	51.0	6	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.9	4.9	4	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	44.0	44.0	3	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	76.0	85.0	2	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.0	17.0	6	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	85.0	92.0	4	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	30.7	7.5	3	34.3	1987, 89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.1	2.6	6	4.4	1987, 89&91 / 1992	
Out Of Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.2	9.5	8	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	111.0	302.5	8	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	16.0	19.0	7	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		11.0	4	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		22.5	4	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents' answers

	County	State
Population Size	11,120	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	90.8%	88.4%
Black	1.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	6.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,728	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	70%	69.4%

County Seat: Hiawatha



BROWN COUNTY in northeast Kansas has a median income well below that of the state. Brown County has experienced a decline in its rate of infant mortality. In addition, there is a positive increase in the percentage of children who pursue post-secondary education and training after high school. A high percentage of the children in this county live in poverty. Further concerns include an increase in the rate of children placed outside their homes.

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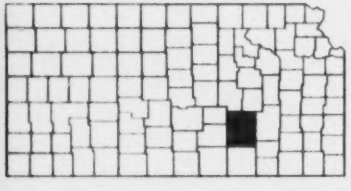
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	50,580	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.6%	88.4%
Black	0.7%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.9%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$36,137	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	56%	59.4%

County Seat: El Dorado



BUTLER COUNTY is a moderately-sized county that enjoys a median income above the state level. This county has one of the lowest rates of children in poverty. Butler County also experienced a decrease in the rate of violent deaths among teens and a decline in infant mortality. Both of these indicators are below the state rate. On the down side, the percentage of children in Butler County pursuing education or training following high school has dropped from the base years and is among the lower rates in the state.

BUTLER

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time* (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.7	6.9	6	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	7.0	9.0	1	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		14.0	6	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	31.2	24.7	3	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.2	8.2	4	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.0	88.0	3	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	56.0	•	•	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.7	6.0	5	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	47.0	47.0	3	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	74.0	61.0	10	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.0	13.0	4	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	86.0	85.0	7	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	25.2	14.3	5	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.5	1.5	5	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.5	6.4	5	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	115.9	57.8	3	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	19.0	23.0	7	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		10.7	3	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		27.0	7	27.2	— / 1992	

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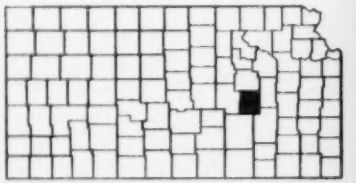
CHASE

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.3	9.4	8	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Children in Poverty	14.0	25.0	10	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		18.0	7	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	33.3	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.0	84.0	5	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	58.0	45.0	8	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.0	9.4	9	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	64.0	72.0	7	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.0	25.0	9	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	92.0	82.0	8	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	15.3	10.5	4	34.3	1987,89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.7	3.9	8	4.4	1987,89&91 / 1992	+
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.2	7.6	6	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	103.1	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	23.0	3.0	3	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to surveys

	County	State
Population Size	3,021	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.1%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$22,440	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	63%	59.4%

County Seat: Cottonwood Falls



CHASE COUNTY, located in east central Kansas, has a median income below that of many other Kansas counties. Chase County's current rate of juvenile arrests represents a decline from its base years. Out-of-home placement of children, although increasing, remains below the statewide level. This county has a higher percentage of children in poverty with an increase of 78 percent from the base years. Currently, Chase County has no Head Start program for its eligible children in poverty.

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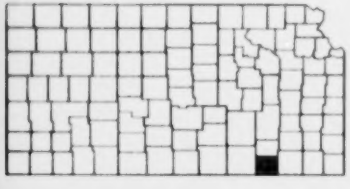
CHAUTAUQUA

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,407	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.9%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	3.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$21,426	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	46%	59.4%

County Seat: Sedan



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY is located on the Oklahoma border. This county attained a 45 percent decline in births to mothers with less than a high school degree. There was also a positive reduction in the juvenile arrest rate. Problems include the fact that although there is no Head Start program here, there was an 83 percent increase in children living in poverty. The infant mortality rate in Chautauqua County rose from base years and continues to be one of the higher rates in Kansas.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time Worse / Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.6	11.1	9	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	15.0	28.0	10	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		27.0	10	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	24.4	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	21.4	27.8	9	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	80.0	78.0	8	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	54.0	•	•	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	9.4	8.3	9	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	72.0	74.0	6	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	26.0	14.0	4	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	91.0	89.0	6	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.7	0	1	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.5	0	1	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out Of Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.4	7.6	6	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	0	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	18.0	6.0	4	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

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CHEROKEE

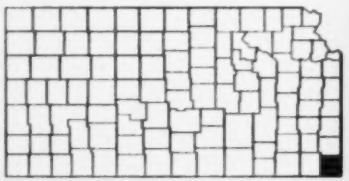
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	12.0	16.3	10	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	18.0	31.0	10	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		32.0	10	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	17.8	0	1	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.5	7.2	3	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	71.0	71.0	10	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	46.0	38.0	9	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.4	12.3	10	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	51.0	51.0	3	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	53.0	57.0	10	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	30.0	35.0	10	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	82.0	79.0	9	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	61.8	22.7	6	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.6	2.4	6	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.6	10.8	8	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	164.2	136.3	6	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	19.0	18.0	7	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	— / 1992	

* Based on respondents to

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	21,374	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.0%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	3.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$22,703	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	55%	59.4%

County Seat: Columbus



CHEROKEE COUNTY resides in the extreme southeast corner of Kansas bordering both Oklahoma and Missouri. Cherokee County enjoys declines in both juvenile arrests and violent deaths among teens during the current year. Cherokee County does a better job than many counties in ensuring that eligible children participate in Head Start. Among areas for concern, births to single teens in this county increased in the current year and exceeds the state rate. The percentage of low birth weight babies increased 93 percent and is well above the state rate.

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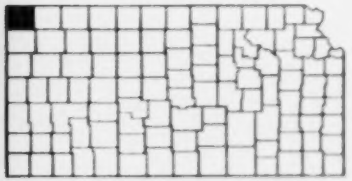
CHEYENNE

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,243	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	24.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.0%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,984	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	59%	59.4%

County Seat: St. Francis



CHEYENNE COUNTY is a lightly-populated county in northwest Kansas bordering Colorado and Nebraska. The rate of prenatal care in Cheyenne County increased during the current year. This county also boasts a rate of high school graduates seeking further education or training which exceeds the state rate and a positive decline in the rate of out-of-home placement of children. Concerns include a drop in the percentage of fully immunized children. There was also an increase to 19 percent of children in poverty, a figure above the state level.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time Worse ← → Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	2.3	2.9	2	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	17.0	19.0	8	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		8.0	2	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	31.7	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	11.6	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.0	91.0	2	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	70.0	52.0	6	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.2	5.9	5	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	85.0	86.0	2	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	6.0	9.0	2	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	87.0	89.0	6	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	42.2	31.1	8	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.5	5.0	9	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.4	5.1	4	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	106.9	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	0	6.0	4	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

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CLARK

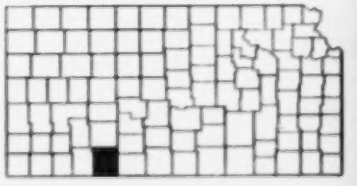
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time: Worse ← → Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	23	31	2	86	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	80	30	1	140	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		140	5	180	/ 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	•	•	•	275	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	•	•	88	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	810	910	2	830	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	250	420	9	530	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	61	31	2	65	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	360	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	800	880	1	740	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	110	90	3	180	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	940	970	2	830	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	285	98	4	343	1987-88/91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	41	0	1	44	1987-88/91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	58	16	2	88	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	277.1	•	•	820	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	0	0	2	380	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	119	/ 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	272	/ 1992	

* Based on responses to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,418	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.9%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	1.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,631	$32,986
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	67%	59.4%

County Seat: Ashland



CLARK COUNTY, whose county seat is Ashland, has one of the lowest rates of children in poverty in Kansas. This county experienced a current year increase in the percentage of high school graduates who seek additional education and training and a further reduction of an already low rate of out-of-home placement. The percentage of children fully immunized, while increasing in the current year, remains well below the rate for the rest of the state.

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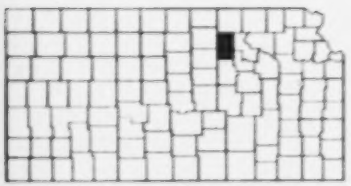
CLAY

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	9,158	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.9%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,886	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	57%	59.4%

County Seat: Clay Center



CLAY COUNTY, home of the city of Clay Center, boasts one of the highest Head Start utilization rates in Kansas. Clay County also saw an increase in the percentage of births with first trimester prenatal care during the current year. Problem areas include a current year increase in low birth weight babies and a decline in childhood immunization rates. The percentage of children in out-of-home placement increased from the base years and surpassed the state rate. Another area of concern is the teen violent death rate which has increased 1003 percent.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time: Worse ← → Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.8	5.1	4	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	14.0	19.0	8	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		17.0	7	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	21.2	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.7	0	1	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.0	85.0	4	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	62.0	55.0	5	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.0	7.3	8	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	109.0	109.0	1	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	71.0	81.0	3	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.0	13.0	4	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.0	89.0	5	83.0	1988-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	33.3	8.0	3	34.3	1987-88&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.4	1.3	4	4.4	1987-88&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.3	11.7	9	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	36.0	396.9	10	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.0	6.0	4	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

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CLOUD

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 50 40 30 20 10 0 10 20 30 40 50 100 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.7	5.4	4	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	15.0	17.0	6	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		15.0	6	18.0	/ 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	19.7	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.1	17.9	8	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.0	88.0	3	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	50.0	41.0	9	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.4	4.5	3	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	9.0	9.0	6	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	66.0	76.0	6	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.0	12.0	4	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	87.0	91.0	4	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.0	11.1	4	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.3	0	1	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	13.7	15.8	10	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	44.5	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	30.0	26.0	7	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	/ 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	/ 1992	

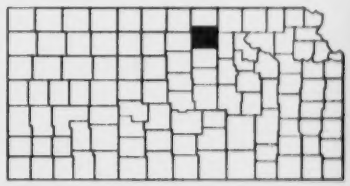
*Based on respondents to survey

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	11,023	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	22.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.8%	88.4%
Black	0.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,654	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	78%	59.4%

County Seat: Concordia



CLOUD COUNTY in north central Kansas shows increases in the percentage of youths graduating from high school. This county also fares well in the percentage of pregnancies with early prenatal care, with increases from the base years to current year, and a rate of prenatal care exceeding state figures. On a less positive note, immunization rates are among the lowest in the state. The rate of children in out-of-home placement also increased 15 percent from base years to the current year and is higher than the state level.

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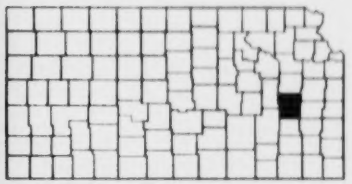
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	8,404	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.4%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,874	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	70%	59.4%

County Seat: Burlington



COFFEY COUNTY is a lightly-populated county where over 27 percent of the population is under the age of 18. The current percentage of Coffey County children in poverty decreased from the base years and is among the lowest in Kansas. Out-of-home placement rates in Coffey County are well below the state level and decreased by 5 percent in the current year. Of concern is a current year increase in the percentage of births to single teens. The Coffey County rate now surpasses the statewide rate.

COFFEY

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.8	9.8	8	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	14.0	8.0	1	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		13.0	5	18.0	/ 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	66.0	56.2	7	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	1.9	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	85.0	4	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	58.0	50.0	6	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.1	5.4	4	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	77.0	79.0	4	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.0	15.0	5	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	95.0	94.0	3	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	47.7	31.1	8	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.3	.9	4	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.6	3.5	3	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	68.8	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.0	6.0	4	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	/ 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	/ 1992	

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.0	0	1	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	9.0	24.0	10	14.0	1979 / 1989	+
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		6.0	1	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	•	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.7	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	90.0	93.0	1	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	43.0	70.0	1	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.0	13.8	10	6.5	1982-91 / 1992	+
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	81.0	82.0	3	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.0	10.0	3	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	100.0	97.0	2	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.4	29.5	8	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	+
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.3	8.7	10	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.3	12.3	9	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	152.9	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

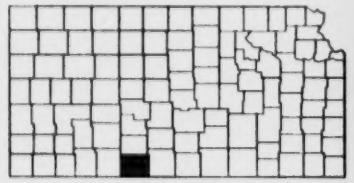
* Based on respondents to survey

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,313	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	24.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.7%	88.4%
Black	0.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,057	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	62%	59.4%

County Seat: Coldwater



COMANCHE COUNTY is located on Kansas' southern border. The current percentage of births with early prenatal care increased from base years and is one of the best figures in the state. Comanche County also posted sharp increases in the percentage of children fully immunized by age 2. On the down side, there was a 96 percent increase in the rate of out-of-home placement of children. The percent age of low birth weight babies increased 130 percent and is one of the poorest rates in Kansas.

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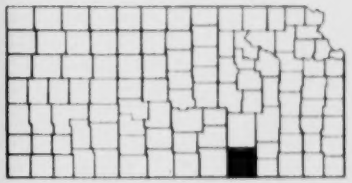
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	36,915	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	91.5%	88.4%
Black	2.8%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	1.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.9%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	3.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,107	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	60%	59.4%

County Seat: Winfield



COWLEY

COWLEY COUNTY is a moderately-sized county with a median income close to the state level. Cowley County accomplishments include a current out-of-home placement rate that fell 43 percent from the base years' level. There was also a 9 percent increase in Cowley County high school graduates who sought additional education or training. The juvenile arrest rate in Cowley County remains one of the highest in the state and shows a 13 percent increase from the base years to the current year. This county has also seen a drop in percentage of students graduating from high school in the current year and lists graduation rates well below the state average.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	9.9	9.9	8	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	10.0	13.0	4	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		22.0	9	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	43.7	37.9	5	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.6	11.4	6	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	86.0	4	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	58.0	50.0	6	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.7	6.3	6	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	29.0	39.0	4	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	69.0	75.0	6	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	20.0	20.0	7	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	75.0	72.0	10	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	26.8	19.4	6	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.1	1.3	5	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.4	5.4	4	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	87.5	78.3	3	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	50.0	56.0	10	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		12.5	7	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		26.5	6	27.2	1992	

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CRAWFORD

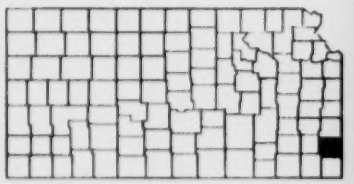
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.2	10.1	9	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	15.0	23.0	9	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		28.0	10	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	30.4	30.2	4	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.4	6.4	3	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	75.0	83.0	6	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	49.0	45.0	8	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.2	5.6	5	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	42.0	42.0	4	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	70.0	68.0	9	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.0	21.0	7	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	86.0	83.0	8	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	53.4	5.1	2	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.0	2.1	6	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.9	13.9	10	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	135.1	125.4	5	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	19.0	30.0	8	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		10.7	3	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		26.1	6	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	35,568	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.7%	88.4%
Black	1.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,516	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	54%	59.4%

County Seat: Girard



CRAWFORD COUNTY in southeastern Kansas continues to maintain an infant mortality rate below the statewide rate. Additional positive outcomes include a current percentage of births in this county with early prenatal care that increased from the base years. Of concern is an increase in the percent age of children in poverty and a rise in the percentage of children in out-of-home placement. This rate continues to surpass the state level.

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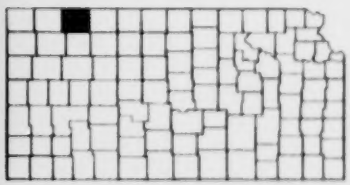
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,021	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.4%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,250	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	73%	59.4%

County Seat: Oberlin



DECATUR COUNTY is a sparsely-populated county in northwestern Kansas. This county boasts increases in the percentage of children graduating high school to one of the highest rates in Kansas. The current percentage of births to mothers without a high school degree fell and remains well below the state rate. The percentage of births in Decatur County with early prenatal care declined in the current year.

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DECATUR

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	1.3	3.1	2	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Children in Poverty	16.0	17.0	7	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		9.0	2	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	47.7	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.0	72.0	9	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	28.0	51.0	6	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	1.3	0	1	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	75.0	1	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	77.0	73.0	7	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	7.0	6.0	1	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	94.0	98.0	1	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.3	2.8	2	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.6	.9	4	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.2	1.0	1	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	94.4	577.8	10	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0	2.0	3	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

DICKINSON

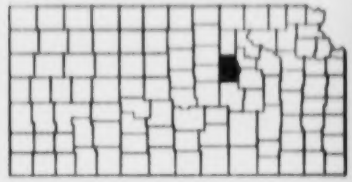
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time Worse	Percent Change Over Time Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING							
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.8	5.6	4	8.6	1987-91 / 1992		
Percent of Children in Poverty	15.0	16.0	6	14.0	1979 / 1989		
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		16.0	6	18.0	1993		
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY							
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	50.9	51.2	7	27.5	1987-91 / 1992		
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.5	11.3	5	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	+	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	80.0	83.0	5	83.0	1987-91 / 1992		
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.0	61.0	3	53.0	1989-90 / 1992		
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.4	4.9	4	6.5	1987-91 / 1992		
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT							
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993		
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	68.0	61.0	10	74.0	1987-91 / 1992		
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.0	15.0	5	18.0	1987-91 / 1992		
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	86.0	86.0	6	83.0	1990-91 / 1992		
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING							
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	33.7	37.7	9	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992		
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.9	5.0	9	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992		
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.4	8.3	7	8.8	1989-91 / 1992		
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	141.1	88.0	4	82.0	1987-91 / 1992		
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL							
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	40.0	37.0	9	38.0	1990-91 / 1992		
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		8.8	2	11.9	1992		
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		25.3	5	27.2	1992		

*Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	18,958	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.9%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,019	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	64%	59.4%

County Seat: Abilene



DICKINSON COUNTY located in central Kansas has Abilene as its county seat. Dickinson County made positive strides in the percentage of low birth weight babies, decreasing this figure 23 percent from base years. The current rate of violent deaths of teens also dropped from the base years. Concerns for Dickinson County include a percentage of high school graduates seeking additional education or training which declined to one of the lowest levels in Kansas. Out-of-home placements in Dickinson County were up 87 percent, but this figure still remains below the state rate.

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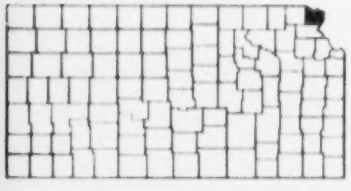
DONIPHAN

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	8,134	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.1%	88.4%
Black	1.9%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,317	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	57%	59.4%

County Seat: Troy



DONIPHAN COUNTY is a lightly-populated county where 26 percent of the population is under the age of 18. This county experienced a current year decline in the percentage of low birth weight babies to a level well below the statewide figure. Head Start participation in Doniphan County is among the best in the state. Doniphan County did experience a 7 percent drop in youths graduating from high school in the current year. The regular use of alcohol by youths is also a concern as levels in Doniphan County exceed the state rate.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ... Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.1	7.3	6	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	15.0	20.0	8	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		22.0	9	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	46.5	60.7	8	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	2.0	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.0	75.0	9	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	43.0	37.0	9	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.3	3.1	2	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	76.0	77.0	1	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	71.0	69.0	9	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	18.0	16.0	6	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	90.0	83.0	8	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	26.2	7.2	3	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.3	1.4	5	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.6	5.5	4	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	+
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	106.6	145.2	6	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.0	11.0	5	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		16.0	9	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		23.8	5	27.2	1992	

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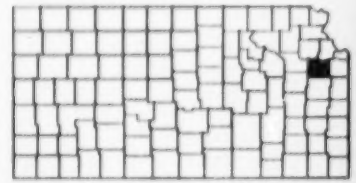
DOUGLAS

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 50 40 30 20 10 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.0	6.7	6	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	11.0	14.0	4	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		17.0	7	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	21.2	21.2	3	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.0	9.5	4	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	88.0	3	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	73.0	74.0	1	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.8	6.0	5	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	27.0	26.0	5	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	64.0	71.0	8	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.0	9.0	2	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	81.0	79.0	9	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	57.5	64.0	10	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.4	8.9	10	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.6	10.8	8	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	20.2	11.2	2	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	32.0	32.0	8	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		11.7	5	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		38.6	10	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to surveys

	County	State
Population Size	81,798	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	20.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	87.7%	88.4%
Black	4.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	2.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$35,631	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	62%	59.4%

County Seat: Lawrence



DOUGLAS COUNTY in eastern Kansas enjoys a median income well above the state level. The percentage of Douglas County children fully immunized by age 2 is among the best in the state. Births to mothers without a high school degree also held constant and continued well below the state level. Concerns include a rise in the infant mortality rate to a figure surpassing the state rate. While the percentage of youths regularly using alcohol occurs at about the same rate as the state, other drug use is well above the state figure.

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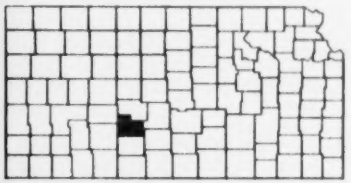
EDWARDS

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,787	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.2%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	5.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,784	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	58%	59.4%

County Seat: Kinsley



EDWARDS COUNTY is a sparsely-populated county in western Kansas that can celebrate a number of academic achievements. This county attained a 100 percent high school graduation rate during the current year. The percentage of Edwards County youth seeking post high school education or training increased 14 percent. Problem areas for Edwards County include a drop in the percentage of children fully immunized by age 2. The percentage of children in out-of-home placements rose from the base years and now surpasses the statewide figure.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ... Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.3	7.3	7	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	11.0	17.0	7	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		16.0	7	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	0	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.0	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	75.0	76.0	8	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	57.0	49.0	7	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.6	7.3	8	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	+
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	73.0	83.0	3	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	24.0	27.0	9	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	87.0	100.0	1	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	18.7	10.3	4	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.8	0	1	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.8	9.5	8	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	•	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

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ELK

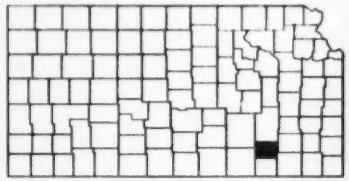
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time Worse ... Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.4	7.1	6	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	17.0	20.0	9	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		23.0	9	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	34.7	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	64.0	10	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	55.0	48.0	7	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.2	7.1	7	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	54.0	60.0	10	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.0	29.0	9	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	81.0	93.0	3	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	19.9	27.9	8	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.4	1.3	5	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	15.2	19.8	10	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	•	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0	12.0	6	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		22.5	10	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		23.3	4	27.2	— / 1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,327	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	21.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.3%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	1.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,091	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	53%	59.4%

County Seat: Howard



ELK COUNTY in southeastern Kansas experienced a positive increase in the percentage of its children graduating from high school. Of concern are prenatal care rates which fell to one of the lowest rates in the state. Out-of-home placement of Elk County youths, already high, increased 30 percent in the current year.

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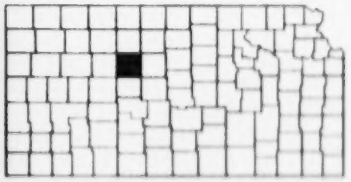
ELLIS

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	26,004	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.0%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.6%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,144	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	71%	59.4%

County Seat: Hays



ELLIS COUNTY, whose county seat is Hays, enjoys a median family income close to the state level. Births to mothers in this county who have less than a high school degree dropped in the current year and remain among the lowest in the state. Ellis County also saw a drop in the childhood death rate. Infant mortality, however, increased to a level above the statewide rate. The percentage of children fully immunized by age 2, while better than the state level, dropped sharply in the current year.

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.6	4.4	3	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	9.0	13.0	3	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		11.0	3	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	22.2	18.1	2	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.0	10.1	5	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	91.0	91.0	2	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	72.0	56.0	5	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.8	5.7	5	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	59.0	58.0	2	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	72.0	73.0	7	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	5.0	4.0	1	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	93.0	90.0	5	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	33.1	79.7	10	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	+
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.6	9.8	10	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.0	6.8	5	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	36.1	0	1	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	33.0	37.0	9	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		12.6	7	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		20.3	3	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

ELLSWORTH

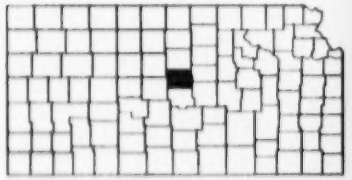
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.7	5.0	4	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	12.0	12.0	3	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		11.0	3	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	49.5	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.6	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	86.0	87.0	4	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	66.0	60.0	3	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.9	6.7	7	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post Secondary Education / Training	71.0	80.0	4	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.0	12.0	3	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	96.0	97.0	2	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	17.5	21.5	6	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.6	6	3	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.1	2.5	2	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	98.2	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.0	40.0	9	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	— / 1992	

*Based on respondents to surveys

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,586	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.6%	88.4%
Black	2.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,332	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	75%	59.4%

County Seat: Ellsworth



ELLSWORTH COUNTY is located in central Kansas. Among the positive indicators in Ellsworth County are births to single teens which declined and remain below the state level. The out-of home placement of children also dropped and continues under statewide figures. Problems for this county include a steep increase in the rate of juvenile arrests. The current year childhood immunization rates are also a concern having declined from the base years.

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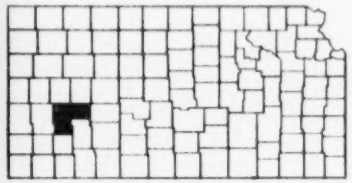
FINNEY

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 US Census

	County	State
Population Size	33,070	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	34.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	69.3%	88.4%
Black	1.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3.5%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	25.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,383	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	59%	59.4%

County Seat: Garden City



FINNEY COUNTY, located in southwestern Kansas, has a greater percentage of youth than most of Kansas. Over 34 percent of its residents are under the age of 18. This county made strides in reduction of infant mortality by cutting that figure in half. The percentage of Finney County youth who regularly use alcohol is also below the state average. One concern is the current juvenile arrest rate. This increased 31 percent from the base years and continues to be one of the worst in the state. Births to mothers with less than a high school degree increased as did births to single teens.

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time: Worse ... Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.2	12.5	10	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	12.0	12.0	2	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		21.0	8	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	38.3	40.1	6	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.3	3.5	2	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	57.0	67.0	10	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	54.0	34.0	10	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.6	7.2	8	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	51.0	52.0	3	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	59.0	81.0	4	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	39.0	45.0	10	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	74.0	71.0	10	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	40.5	41.8	9	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.9	2.2	6	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.0	7.4	6	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	55.4	155.0	6	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	88.0	116.0	10	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		8.0	1	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		24.2	5	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

FORD

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.7	10.7	9	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	9.0	15.0	6	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		23.0	9	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	57.4	30.1	4	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.1	7.0	3	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	73.0	74.0	9	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	58.0	53.0	5	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.1	5.4	4	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	53.0	85.0	1	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	76.0	83.0	3	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	31.0	32.0	10	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	73.0	78.0	10	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	37.1	36.3	9	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.8	1.3	5	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out Of Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.0	7.7	6	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	162.3	0	1	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	42.0	50.0	9	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol		11.2	4	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		27.2	7	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey.

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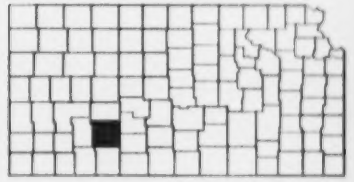
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	27,463	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	29.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	80.5%	88.4%
Black	1.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	14.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,613	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	66%	59.4%

County Seat: Dodge City



FORD COUNTY, whose county seat is Dodge City, enjoys a median income close to the state level and has a high percentage of its population under the age of 18. This county boasts a 60 percent increase in Head Start participation giving it one of the highest rates in Kansas. There are also improvements in the childhood death rate. This figure fell 47 percent. Problem areas include an increase in births to single teens. Births to mothers in Ford County with less than a high school degree also continues well above the state level.

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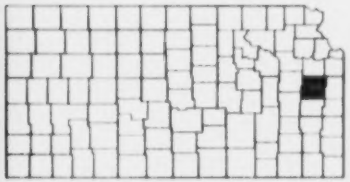
FRANKLIN

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	21,994	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.4%	88.4%
Black	1.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,210	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	62%	59.4%

County Seat: Ottawa



FRANKLIN COUNTY, whose county seat is Ottawa, attained a current year decline in the childhood death rate with a figure that continues below the state level. This county also nearly halved its percentage of low birth weight babies in the current year. Less noteworthy was the percentage of children fully immunized by age 2. Already below the state rate, this figure fell further in the current year. The percentage of high school graduates pursuing post secondary education dropped further below the state level.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.4	8.1	7	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	11.0	15.0	5	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		22.0	9	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	24.6	19.9	2	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.8	11.6	6	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	80.0	82.0	6	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	51.0	47.0	8	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.9	3.8	2	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	21.0	21.0	5	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	66.0	62.0	10	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.0	20.0	7	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	81.0	83.0	8	83.0	1988-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	46.8	38.1	9	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.4	3.6	8	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.5	9.0	7	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	63.6	0	1	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	37.0	36.0	9	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		13.0	7	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		31.6	9	27.2	— / 1992	

* Based on respondents to surveys

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.1	6.3	5	8.6	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	24.0	24.0	10	14.0	1979 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		31.0	10	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	69.5	13.3	1	27.5	1987-91 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.3	8.8	4	8.8	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	62.0	68.0	10	83.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	54.0	55.0	5	53.0	1989-90 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.2	7.8	8	6.5	1987-91 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	28.0	37.0	4	36.0	1992 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	55.0	45.0	10	74.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.0	14.0	4	18.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	71.0	78.0	10	83.0	1990-91 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	45.2	38.1	9	34.3	1987,89&91 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.1	7.7	10	4.4	1987,89&91 1992	
Out Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.5	9.5	8	8.8	1989-91 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	125.0	52.4	2	82.0	1987-91 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	56.0	64.0	10	38.0	1990-91 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

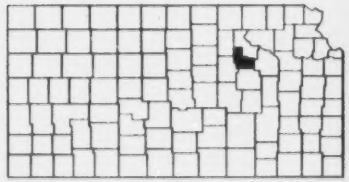
*Based on respondents surveyed.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	30,453	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	29.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	66.4%	88.4%
Black	22.9%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3.8%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	6.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,231	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	47%	59.4%

County Seat: Junction City



GEARY COUNTY, home of Junction City, is one of the more ethnically diverse counties in Kansas. This county achieved a sharp drop in the rate of childhood death. The current figure is well below the state level. The teen violent death rate also fell during the current year. One area of concern is the percentage of high school graduates seeking further education or training. This figure dropped further in the current year and is one of the lowest in Kansas. Nearly one of every four children in Geary County lives in poverty.

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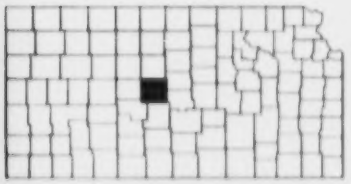
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,231	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.4%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,275	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	47%	59.4%

County Seat: Gove



GOVE COUNTY is a lightly populated central Kansas county. Births in this county with early prenatal care, already above the state level, increased further to one of the highest rates in Kansas. Gove County continues to enjoy a low juvenile arrest rate. Areas of concern include the immunization rate which, although above the state average, experienced a 21 percent drop in the current year. The percent of low birth weight babies increased and now exceeds the state figure.

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GOVE

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	1.4	7.4	7	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Children in Poverty	21.0	11.0	2	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		5.0	1	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	114.7	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	87.0	93.0	1	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	72.0	57.0	4	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.4	7.4	8	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	101.0	1	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	85.0	79.0	4	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	7.0	12.0	3	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	99.0	96.0	2	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.7	6.6	3	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	+
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.3	0	1	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.8	3.5	3	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	•	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

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GRAHAM

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.0	0	1	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	17.0	18.0	7	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		13.0	4	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	107.1	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	4.9	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	71.0	94.0	1	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	50.0	19.0	10	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	8.4	9.7	10	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	54.0	2	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	75.0	80.0	4	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.0	10.0	3	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	95.0	98.0	2	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.7	8.3	4	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.7	2.1	6	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.4	10.9	8	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	270.5	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	24.0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

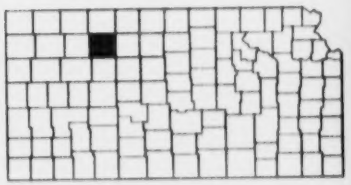
* Based on respondents to survey

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,543	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.8%	88.4%
Black	2.9%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,742	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	58%	59.4%

County Seat: Hill City



GRAHAM COUNTY is a sparsely-populated northwest Kansas county and home to Hill City. This county reported no births to single teens, improving an already low figure. Graham County increased first trimester prenatal care from the base years' level. Problem areas include an immunization rate that suffered a drastic drop and is among the worst in Kansas. The percentage of low birth weight babies, already above the state level, continues to rise.

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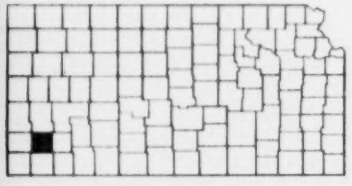
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,159	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	34.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	76.8%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aliuet	1.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.5%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	21.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,241	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	53%	59.4%

County Seat: Ulysses



GRANT

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 20 40 60 80 100 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.3	8.1	7	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	12.0	20.0	9	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		17.0	7	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	40.3	97.5	9	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.4	0	1	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	68.0	71.0	9	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	48.0	45.0	8	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.8	4.1	3	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	90.0	101.0	1	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	70.0	76.0	6	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	39.0	39.0	10	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	80.0	80.0	9	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	23.8	12.6	4	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.1	4	3	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.9	4.3	4	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rates per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	107.5	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.0	12.0	6	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		16.2	10	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		27.3	7	27.2	1992	

*Based on respondents to survey.

GRANT COUNTY is a southwest Kansas county with one of the largest percentages of children under 18, over 34 percent, and a median income close to the state level. Infant mortality here dropped to among the best in the state. Grant County continues to make exceptional use of the Head Start program. Despite a good median income, the percentage of children in poverty currently surpasses the state figure. The childhood death rate, above the state level for the base years, increased further in this current year.

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GRAY

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.6	3.8	3	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	9.0	13.0	3	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		9.0	2	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	43.4	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	2.4	12.5	6	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.0	83.0	6	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	76.0	63.0	3	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.5	3.8	2	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	79.0	86.0	2	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	26.0	29.0	9	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	92.0	89.0	6	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.0	4.1	2	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0	0	1	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.7	.5	1	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	51.4	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

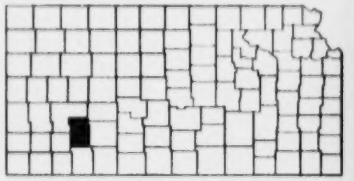
* Based on respondents to surveys

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,396	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	32.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.1%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,878	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	39%	59.4%

County Seat: Cimarron



GRAY COUNTY has 32 percent of its population under the age of 18. Out-of-home placements for this county continue to occur well below the state rate. This county also attained increases in the percentage of children pursuing post-secondary education or training. Problem areas include a rise in births to mothers with less than a high school degree. This increased 10 percent and continues above the state figure. Further concerns include an increase in infant mortality, a figure now above the state level.

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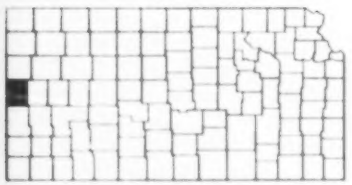
GREELEY

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	1,774	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	30.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	93.5%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	6.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,989	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	67%	59.4%

County Seat: Tribune



GREELEY COUNTY, on the Colorado border, is a sparsely populated county where 30 percent of the residents are under the age of 18. Greeley County can celebrate a number of educational achievements in the current year. All of the high school graduates in Greeley County sought further secondary education or training and the county attained a 100 percent high school graduation rate. Concerns for Greeley County include a current year increase in the percentage of low birth weight babies to a number above the state rate.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 20 40 60 80 100 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.6	0	1	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	14.0	8.0	1	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		10.0	3	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	88.8	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	76.0	83.0	6	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	55.0	64.0	2	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	0	12.5	10	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	80.0	100.0	1	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	18.0	17.0	6	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	90.0	100.0	1	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.5	0	1	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.5	0	1	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.5	3.6	3	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	201.2	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	0	5.0	4	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

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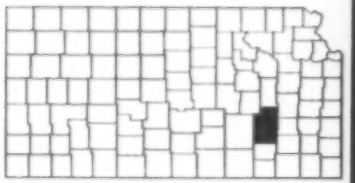
GREENWOOD

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 50 40 30 20 10 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.2	12.2	10	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	12.0	18.0	7	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		24.0	9	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.0	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.1	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	73.0	65.0	10	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	47.0	30.0	10	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.5	10.8	10	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	+
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	68.0	71.0	8	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.0	24.0	9	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	96.0	88.0	6	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	24.7	0	1	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.0	0	1	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.0	15.6	10	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	114.1	206.6	7	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs		•	•	27.2	1992	

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,847	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.8%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.9%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,720	$32,986
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	69%	59.4%

County Seat: Eureka



GREENWOOD COUNTY is a lightly-populated county in southeastern Kansas. This county enjoyed an increase in the percentage of its children seeking post-secondary education or training. The percentage of children fully immunized dropped further in the current year and remains one of the poorest figures in Kansas. The out-of-home placement of Greenwood County children experienced a 30 percent current year increase.

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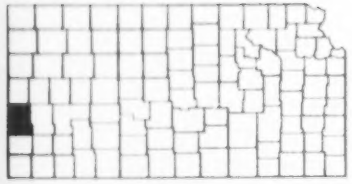
HAMILTON

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 US Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,388	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	92.6%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	5.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$29,483	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or the parent working in single parent family.)	64%	59.4%

County Seat: Syracuse



HAMILTON COUNTY, a small county on the Colorado border, had no births to single teens during the current year. This county also saw the percentage of fully immunized children, a figure already above the state for base years, improve further in the current year. However, the percentage of Hamilton County children in poverty rose slightly. Hamilton County has no Head Start program.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 20 40 60 80 100 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.2	0	1	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	12.0	14.0	5	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		13.0	5	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	•	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	36.1	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	65.0	86.0	4	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.0	74.0	1	53.0	1989-91 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.8	6.9	7	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	76.0	79.0	5	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	18.0	7.0	2	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.0	87.0	6	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.7	0	1	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8	0	1	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.3	7.9	6	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	•	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	— / 1992	

*Based on responses to survey.

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HARPER

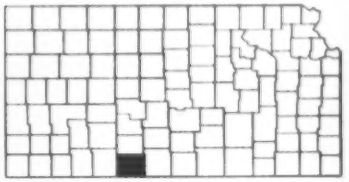
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.8	6.7	6	8.6	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	17.0	14.0	4	14.0	1979 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		20.0	8	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.7	•	•	27.5	1987-91 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	19.1	•	•	8.8	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	81.0	81.0	7	83.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	54.0	72.0	1	53.0	1989-90 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.7	4.4	3	6.5	1987-91 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	71.0	78.0	5	74.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	17.0	20.0	7	18.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	85.0	82.0	8	83.0	1990-91 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	39.5	29.6	8	34.3	1987-88,91 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.9	4.4	8	4.4	1987-88,91 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.3	14.4	10	8.8	1989-91 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	49.3	•	•	82.0	1987-91 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	24.0	18.0	6	38.0	1990-91 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,124	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.6%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,358	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	62%	59.4%

County Seat: Anthony



HARPER COUNTY borders Oklahoma and has 25 percent of its population under the age of 18. Harper County boasts a childhood immunization rate substantially above the state level. The current percentage of low birth weight babies in this county dropped from the base years to the current year. Problems include the out-of-home placement rate. Already above the state figure in the base years, the current year rate increased further. Births to Harper County mothers without a high school degree increased during the current year.

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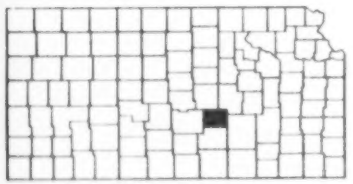
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	31,028	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	91.9%	88.4%
Black	1.7%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.7%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	5.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,955	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	67%	59.4%

County Seat: Newton



HARVEY COUNTY, a moderately-sized county, enjoys a median income higher than many Kansas counties. This county experienced a current year reduction in the percentage of low birth weight babies. Further accomplishments include a drop in the childhood death rate to well below statewide levels. Of concern are the violent deaths to teens, a rate that increased 261 per cent. The out-of-home placement of Harvey County children increased in the current year.

HARVEY

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.2	7.3	6	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	8.0	10.0	2	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		15.0	6	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.9	15.1	1	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.2	12.1	6	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.0	83.0	6	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	59.0	63.0	3	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.1	5.3	4	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	53.0	52.0	2	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	71.0	75.0	6	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.0	17.0	6	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	92.0	88.0	6	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	47.2	48.7	10	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.4	6.4	9	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.1	8.1	6	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	25.4	91.6	4	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	19.0	22.0	7	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		9.8	2	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		25.7	6	27.2	— / 1992	

* Based on respondents to survey.

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HASKELL

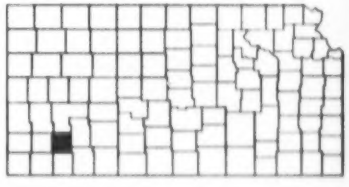
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.3	5.3	4	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	15.0	7.0	1	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		15.0	6	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	80.6	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.8	13.2	7	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	65.0	72.0	9	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	61.0	43.0	9	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.9	11.8	10	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	+
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	82.0	80.0	4	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	29.0	28.0	9	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	94.0	87.0	6	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.7	31.6	8	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	+
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.6	8	3	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.8	3.8	3	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	270.8	359.9	9	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0	1.0	3	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,886	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	32.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	85.0%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	14.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,632	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	45%	59.4%

County Seat: Sublette



HASKELL COUNTY in southwestern Kansas has a higher percentage of its population under the age of 18 than most Kansas counties. The percentage of Haskell County children living in poverty dropped substantially from the base year. Out-of-home placement of children also dropped in the current year and continues to occur at a rate well below the state level. Problem areas include a steep rise in the percentage of low birth weight babies. The percentage of children fully immunized fell from the base years and is now below the state average.

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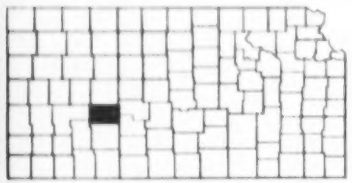
HODGEMAN

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,177	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.4%	88.4%
Black	1.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,296	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	55%	59.4%

County Seat: Jetmore



HODGEMAN COUNTY, a lightly-populated western Kansas county, achieved a 100 percent graduation rate in the current year. The percentage of Hodgeman County youths seeking post high school education or training also increased and continues above the state level. This county has a high infant death rate in the current year. The percentage of low birth weight babies in Hodgeman County also increased in the current year.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.3	11.1	9	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Children in Poverty	22.0	15.0	5	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		8.0	2	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	203.5	193.7	10	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	37.0	10	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	85.0	4	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	61.0	50.0	6	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.7	7.4	8	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	80.0	83.0	3	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	11.0	26.0	9	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	95.0	100.0	1	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.5	8.2	4	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	0	0	1	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.5	0	1	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	•	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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JACKSON

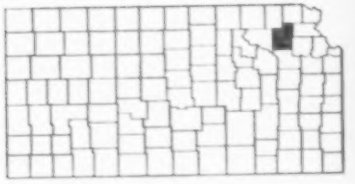
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.0	5.4	4	8.6	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	10.0	13.0	3	14.0	1979 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		19.0	8	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	15.1	•	•	27.5	1987-91 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.3	20.3	8	8.8	1987-91 1992	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	90.0	2	83.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	71.0	71.0	1	53.0	1989-90 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.6	6.8	7	6.5	1987-91 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	71.0	71.0	1	36.0	1992 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	67.0	65.0	9	74.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	12.0	17.0	6	18.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	91.0	90.0	4	83.0	1990-91 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	17.7	3.9	2	34.3	1987,89&91 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.0	3	2	4.4	1987,89&91 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.9	2.0	2	8.8	1989-91 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	97.6	131.3	5	82.0	1987-91 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.0	5.0	3	38.0	1990-91 1992	+
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol[1]		13.2	8	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs[1]		35.3	10	27.2	1992	

[1] Based on a statewide survey.

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	11,525	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	92.6%	88.4%
Black	0.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	5.9%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,572	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	59%	59.4%

County Seat: Holton



JACKSON COUNTY in northeastern Kansas has Holton as its county seat. This county continues its positive performance with Head Start with a rate of participation well above the state level. The out-of-home placement of Jackson County children remains below the state average. Concerns include a higher than average percentage of Jackson County children who report that they have tried drugs. The infant mortality rate for this county posted a steep increase.

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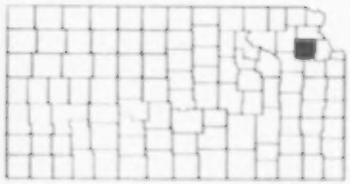
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	15,905	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.5%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian Eskimo or Aluet	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$33,460	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	62%	59.4%

County Seat: Oskaloosa



JEFFERSON

JEFFERSON COUNTY, whose county seat is Oskaloosa, enjoys a median income greater than the majority of Kansas counties. The current percentage of Jefferson County births with first trimester prenatal care increased. This county continues to immunize its children at a rate greater than much of the state. Concerns include an increase in the percentage of low birth weight babies. The current rate of teen violent deaths posted a steep increase to well above the state average.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.5	7.0	6	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	9.0	13.0	3	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		13.0	4	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	51.3	28.0	3	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	4.9	10.8	5	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.0	88.0	3	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	62.0	64.0	2	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.8	8.6	9	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	33.0	56.0	2	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	63.0	65.0	10	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	11.0	11.0	3	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	92.0	91.0	4	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	31.5	26.4	7	34.3	1987-88-91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.4	2.7	7	4.4	1987-88-91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.5	7.5	6	8.8	1990-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	93.2	204.4	7	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.0	6.0	4	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		11.9	6	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		25.2	5	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

JEWELL

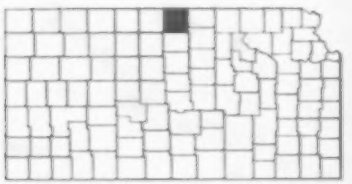
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.1	2.9	2	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	23.0	13.0	4	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		10.0	3	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	72.1	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	22.1	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.0	86.0	4	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	84.0	86.0	1	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.1	2.9	1	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	82.0	86.0	2	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	11.0	6.0	1	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	97.0	100.0	1	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.6	17.8	6	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.4	9	4	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9	1.0	1	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	165.7	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	14.0	17.0	6	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,251	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.4%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$21,875	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	65%	59.4%

County Seat: Mankato



JEWELL COUNTY is a lightly-populated Kansas county bordering Nebraska. This county graduated 100 percent of its high school seniors in the current year. There was a positive current year decline in the percentage of low birth weight babies and out-of-home placement continues to be one of the better figures in Kansas. Jewell County has no Head Start program for its children living in poverty.

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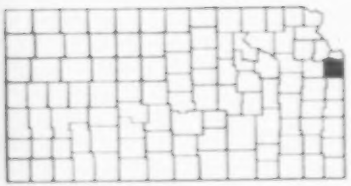
JOHNSON

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	355,054	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.1%	88.4%
Black	1.9%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aliut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.6%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$50,348	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	61%	59.4%

County Seat: Olathe



JOHNSON COUNTY on the Missouri border is the wealthiest county in Kansas. This county posted one of the highest rates of childhood immunization in the state. The rate of violent teen deaths fell 51 percent in the current year. Problems for this county include alcohol and other drug use. Johnson County youths report a level of regular use of alcohol and use of drugs at rates that exceed the state average.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time: Worse ← 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 → Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	2.9	3.4	2	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	4.0	4.0	1	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		6.0	1	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	20.9	16.2	2	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.1	6.8	3	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	91.0	93.0	1	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	69.0	65.0	2	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.7	5.0	4	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	38.0	40.0	4	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	82.0	83.0	3	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	6.0	5.0	1	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	87.0	86.0	7	83.0	1988-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	15.4	24.8	7	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.9	1.9	5	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.3	2.7	2	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	46.8	22.9	2	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	35.0	34.0	8	38.0	1988-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		15.1	9	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		37.8	10	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

KEARNY

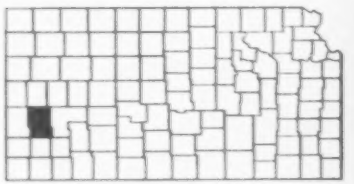
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ... Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.2	12.1	10	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	!
Percent of Children in Poverty	17.0	15.0	5	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		18.0	7	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	36.9	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.7	30.3	10	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	70.0	70.0	10	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	64.0	73.0	1	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.0	3.0	2	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	17.0	17.0	6	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	69.0	68.0	9	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	32.0	45.0	10	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.0	93.0	3	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.1	0	1	34.3	1987-88-91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.7	0	1	4.4	1987-88-91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.2	8.4	7	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	200.3	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	21.0	27.0	8	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		9.3	2	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		20.6	3	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,027	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	33.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	82.5%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	16.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,077	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	61%	59.4%

County Seat: Lakin



KEARNY COUNTY in western Kansas experienced a 15 percent current year increase in the percentage of children fully immunized by age 2. The number of children in Kearny County who use alcohol or other drugs is lower than state averages. On the down side, births to mothers without a high school degree rose in the current year and are among the highest in the state. The infant mortality rate in Kearny County also experienced a steep increase in the current year.

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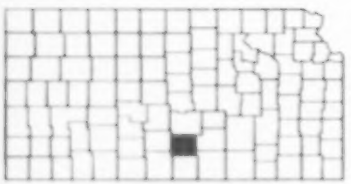
KINGMAN

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	8,292	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.6%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,491	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	53%	59.4%

County Seat: Kingman



KINGMAN COUNTY in south central Kansas has over 27 percent of its population under the age of 18. This county boasts a sharp increase in the percent age of its high school graduates who seek further education or training, a level that now surpasses the state average. The percentage of births in Kingman County with first trimester prenatal care is among the best in the state. Concerns for this county include a current year increase in infant mortality and the childhood death rate. Both figures are well above the state level.

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.3	8.2	7	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	10.0	13.0	4	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	.	15.0	6	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	11.0	54.7	7	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	3.8	20.4	8	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.0	91.0	2	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.0	63.0	3	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.0	6.1	5	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	72.0	89.0	1	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.0	13.0	4	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	92.0	91.0	4	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	33.1	14.2	5	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.2	1.7	5	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.9	3.4	3	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	107.2	201.3	7	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey.

KIOWA

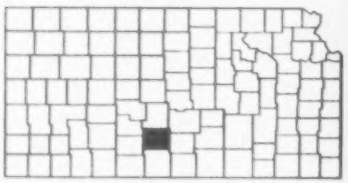
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → 20 40 60 80 100 Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.7	4.3	3	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	14.0	20.0	8	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		11.0	3	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	0	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	16.3	21.3	9	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	86.0	89.0	2	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.0	50.0	6	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.7	4.3	3	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	76.0	85.0	2	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.0	24.0	9	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	96.0	98.0	1	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	26.1	20.8	6	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.4	2.1	6	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.0	11.2	9	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	222.6	389.4	9	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.0	6.0	4	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,660	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.9%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,099	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	59%	59.4%

County Seat: Greensburg



KIOWA COUNTY is a lightly-populated county whose county seat is Greensburg. This county achieved a 98 percent graduation rate during the current year, a continued improvement over previously high figures. The juvenile arrest rate in Kiowa County continues to be low. Problems for Kiowa County include an increase in the percentage of children being placed outside their homes. The current figure for births to mothers without a high school degree also rose.

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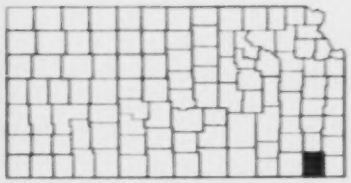
LABETTE

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	23,693	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	91.4%	88.4%
Black	4.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aliuet	1.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,919	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	64%	59.4%

County Seat: Oswego



LABETTE COUNTY is a moderately-sized county on the Oklahoma border. The county enjoys current year declines in both the infant mortality and teen violent death rates. The out-of-home placement of Labette County children declined below the state average. Concerns include a steep increase in the childhood death rate. One in five Labette county children live in poverty.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time: Worse ← → Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	10.2	11.2	10	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	13.0	20.0	9	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		25.0	10	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	31.7	81.5	9	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.9	3.3	2	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.0	79.0	8	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	50.0	45.0	8	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.4	6.3	6	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	63.0	63.0	2	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	67.0	69.0	9	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	23.0	24.0	8	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	82.0	76.0	10	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	37.4	41.5	9	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.9	4.3	8	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.7	6.4	5	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	66.1	0	1	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	32.0	41.0	9	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	— / 1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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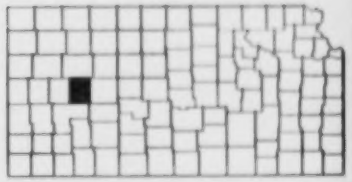
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	2.7	3.4	2	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	8.0	13.0	3	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		9.0	2	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	76.0	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.8	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.0	79.0	8	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	45.0	44.0	8	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.1	6.9	7	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	76.0	76.0	6	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	11.0	21.0	7	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	86.0	90.0	5	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	14.1	4.5	2	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.5	1.5	5	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.0	3.0	2	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	150.4	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.0	6.0	4	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to surveys

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,375	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.9%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,506	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	51%	59.4%

County Seat: Dighton



LANE COUNTY is a lightly-populated western Kansas county. This county increased its current rate of high school graduates by 5 percent. There were no violent deaths to teens during the current year. On the down side, births to mothers without a high school degree rose in the current year and now exceed the state average. The percentage of children fully immunized by age 2 continues to be below most other Kansas counties.

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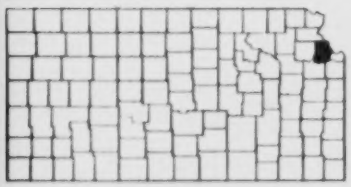
LEAVENWORTH

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	64,371	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	83.8%	88.4%
Black	10.7%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	3.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$36,820	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	54%	59.4%

County Seat: Leavenworth



LEAVENWORTH COUNTY in northeastern Kansas enjoys a median income higher than most of the rest of the state. This county increased the percentage of fully immunized children to one of the higher rates in Kansas. The percentage of pregnancies with first trimester prenatal care also increased. However, violent deaths to teens increased 217 percent during the current year. The percentage of high school graduates seeking further education or training continues below the state average.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.4	7.7	7	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	9.0	10.0	2	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		15.0	6	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	24.8	28.2	3	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.5	8.5	4	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	87.0	3	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	60.0	70.0	1	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.5	6.7	7	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	41.0	39.0	4	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	64.0	68.0	9	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.0	15.0	5	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	89.0	90.0	5	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	39.7	37.6	9	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.3	5.1	9	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.2	4.7	4	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	72.4	229.5	8	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	13.0	11.0	5	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		13.0	7	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		29.9	8	27.2	— / 1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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LINCOLN

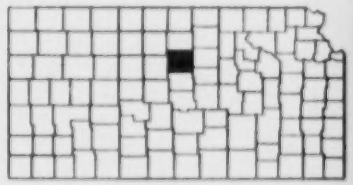
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.3	3.0	2	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	18.0	18.0	7	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		8.0	2	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	57.9	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	88.0	3	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	78.0	67.0	2	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.0	6.1	5	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	72.0	69.0	9	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.0	3.0	1	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	91.0	82.0	9	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.6	3.4	2	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.1	0	1	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.5	5.6	5	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	+
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	90.5	494.2	10	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.0	10.0	5	38.0	1980-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1980 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,653	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.2%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,223	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	84%	59.4%

County Seat: Lincoln



LINCOLN COUNTY in north central Kansas is a lightly-populated county. This county continues to achieve a rate of births to single teens that is both declining and well below state percentages. The rate of births to mothers without a high school degree also declined and remains one of the best in Kansas. Concerns include a steep rise in the rate of violent teen death and a drop in the percentage of children graduating from high school.

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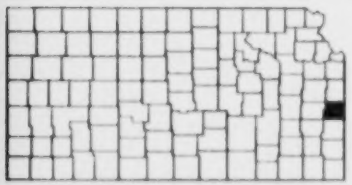
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	8,254	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.5%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,692	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	54%	59.4%

County Seat: Mound City



LINN

LINN COUNTY, whose county seat is Mound City, is on the Missouri border. This county boasts a declining rate of out-of-home placement, a figure that continues below the state average. The percentage of Linn County children graduating high school increased in the current year. The infant mortality rate for Linn County also increased in the current year. The percentage of graduates pursuing additional education or training, while increasing, continues below the statewide level.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time: Worse / Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.6	8.0	7	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	18.0	18.0	7	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		20.0	8	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	59.8	59.3	8	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.0	23.0	9	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	70.0	80.0	7	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	45.0	49.0	7	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.2	2.3	1	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	27.0	27.0	5	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	63.0	66.0	9	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.0	16.0	6	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	90.0	94.0	3	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	61.5	24.1	7	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.4	.9	4	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.6	1.8	2	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	222.8	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.0	8.0	5	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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LOGAN

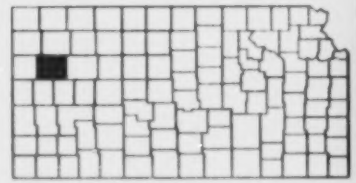
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.6	5.6	4	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	12.0	17.0	7	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		9.0	2	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	91.3	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.2	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	86.0	83.0	6	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	39.0	54.0	5	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.2	8.3	9	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	70.0	84.0	3	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	10.0	22.0	8	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	95.0	96.0	2	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.6	23.6	7	34.3	1987,89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.4	5.9	9	4.4	1987,89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.2	0	1	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	•	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	15.0	17.0	6	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to surveys

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,081	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.5%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,731	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	71%	59.4%

County Seat: Oakley



LOGAN COUNTY is a lightly-populated western Kansas county. This county increased further a high school graduation rate that already exceeds the state average. The percentage of Logan County youth seeking additional training or education increased 19 percent during the current year. Areas of concern include a sharp increase in the percentage of births to mothers with less than a high school degree. The current year percentage of low birth weight babies also rose and now exceeds state levels.

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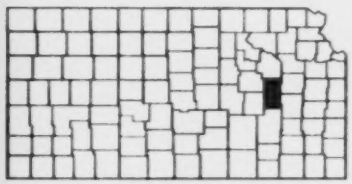
LYON

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	34,732	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	89.4%	88.4%
Black	2.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.8%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	6.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,262	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	64%	59.4%

County Seat: Emporia



LYON COUNTY is a moderately-populated county whose county seat is Emporia. This county achieved a substantial current year reduction in its infant mortality rate. The percentage of births in Lyon County to single teens continues below the state average. Problem areas include an increase in the percentage of children being placed outside the home. The teen violent death rate rose 100 percent during the current year.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.3	7.0	6	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	8.0	15.0	5	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		19.0	8	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	32.0	38.6	5	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.3	2.0	1	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.0	74.0	9	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	54.0	45.0	8	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.4	4.4	3	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	33.0	32.0	4	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	57.0	66.0	9	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	20.0	27.0	9	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	83.0	83.0	8	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	58.1	28.4	7	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.9	1.2	4	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.5	10.3	8	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	53.6	107.2	5	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	20.0	22.0	7	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	— / 1992	

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MARION

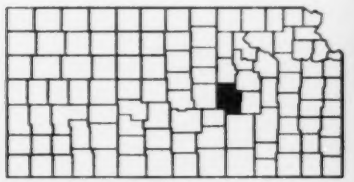
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.8	2.5	1	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	13.0	13.0	4	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		10.0	3	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	58.7	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	2.8	12.6	6	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	87.0	4	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.0	67.0	2	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.6	1.9	1	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	66.0	70.0	8	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.0	11.0	3	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	91.0	93.0	4	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	35.4	15.1	5	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.0	2.0	6	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.1	6.4	5	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	45.5	125.9	5	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.0	11.0	5	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		6.4	1	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		13.9	1	27.2	— / 1992	

* Based on respondents to survey.

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	12,888	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.9%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,127	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	58%	59.4%

County Seat: Marion



MARION COUNTY in east central Kansas achieved a steep reduction in the percentage of low birth weight babies to a figure among the lowest in the state. Children in this county report the regular use of alcohol and the use of other drugs at a level far below the state average. On the down side, the infant mortality rate rose sharply in the current year. Teen violent deaths also increased to a level above the state average.

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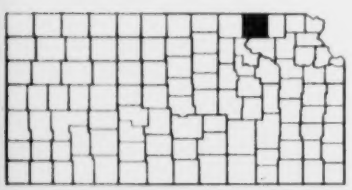
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	11,705	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.1%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,249	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	70%	59.4%

County Seat: Marysville



MARSHALL COUNTY is located on the Kansas-Nebraska border and is home to Marysville. This county experienced no violent deaths among teens during the current year. There were no reported infant mortalities during the same period. Concerns for Marshall County include a 30 percent drop in the percentage of children fully immunized by age 2. The percentage of low birth weight babies rose during the current year and exceeds the state rate.

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MARSHALL

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 50 40 30 20 10 0 10 20 30 40 50 100 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.2	3.6	3	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	16.0	15.0	5	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		11.0	4	18.0	/ 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	31.8	38.1	5	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.6	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.0	75.0	9	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	69.0	48.0	7	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.0	9.8	10	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	+
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	74.0	72.0	7	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	11.0	13.0	4	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	89.0	84.0	7	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	13.8	2.6	1	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.1	.3	3	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.0	4.4	4	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	+
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	119.1	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.0	12.0	6	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	/ 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	/ 1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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MCPHERSON

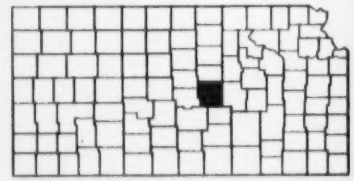
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.5	4.3	3	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	9.0	9.0	1	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		12.0	4	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	35.1	67.2	8	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.0	14.3	7	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	83.0	6	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	67.0	69.0	2	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.0	6.3	6	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	19.0	19.0	5	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	74.0	78.0	5	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.0	16.0	6	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.0	83.0	8	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	37.9	41.2	9	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.6	2.8	7	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.1	5.6	5	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	20.4	0	1	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	15.0	12.0	5	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	27,268	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.2%	88.4%
Black	0.7%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,482	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	62%	59.4%

County Seat: McPherson



MCPHERSON COUNTY is a moderately-sized central Kansas county which enjoys a median income above many other Kansas counties. Good news for this county includes no violent deaths to teens in the current year, a further improvement from the previously low base years. The percentage of McPherson County children living in poverty continues to be below the state level. Areas of concern include steep current year increases in both the childhood death rate and the infant mortality rate.

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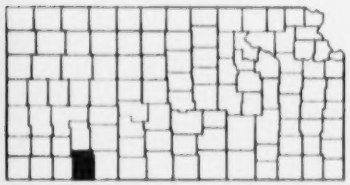
MEADE

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 US Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,247	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.7%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,857	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	63%	59.4%

County Seat: Meade



MEADE COUNTY is a lightly-populated southwestern Kansas county. This county posted a number of educational accomplishments during the current year. The percentage of high school graduates rose further from base years and continues to surpass the state level. An increase also occurred in the percentage of Meade County children seeking post-secondary education or training. Problem areas in this county include an increase in the percentage of births to mothers without a high school degree and an increase in the percentage of single teen mothers.

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time: Worse ← Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	1.9	6.3	5	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Children in Poverty	10.0	14.0	4	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		7.0	2	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	21.7	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.0	83.0	6	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	46.0	58.0	4	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.8	4.8	3	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	76.0	90.0	1	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.0	24.0	8	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	92.0	96.0	2	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	28.7	16.9	5	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.1	3.4	7	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	+
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.2	5.9	5	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	0	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey.

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MIAMI

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ... Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.0	7.3	6	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	7.0	9.0	1	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		15.0	6	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	43.2	36.5	5	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.5	9.9	4	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	90.0	2	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	47.0	48.0	7	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.2	6.6	6	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	45.0	43.0	4	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	63.0	70.0	8	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.0	15.0	5	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	87.0	84.0	7	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	44.5	23.5	7	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.6	2.0	6	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.4	7.1	6	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	59.1	376.7	9	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	22.0	15.0	6	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

*Based on respondents to survey.

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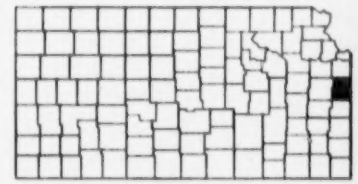
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	23,466	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.7%	88.4%
Black	2.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$34,424	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	68%	59.4%

County Seat: Paola



MIAMI COUNTY on the Kansas-Missouri border enjoys a median income higher than most Kansas counties. The percentage of births in this county with early prenatal care increased in the current year and now surpasses the state figure. The percentage of Miami County children living in poverty remains below the state average. Concerns include a 537 percent increase in the teen violent death rate during the current year. The infant mortality rate in this county now exceeds the state level.

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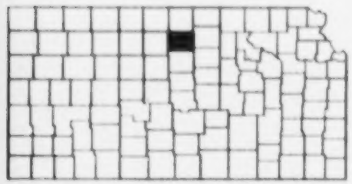
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1980 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,203	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.6%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,502	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	75%	59.4%

County Seat: Beloit



MITCHELL

MITCHELL COUNTY has Beloit as its county seat. This county achieved a 98 percent high school graduation rate during the current year. The percentage of births to mothers without a high school degree, below the state average in the base years, fell even further for the current year. On the down side, the percentage of children fully immunized by age 2 fell below the state average during the current year.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time Worse ← → Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.4	3.8	3	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	11.0	11.0	2	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		8.0	2	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.1	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	4.6	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	86.0	90.0	2	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	58.0	44.0	8	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.2	0	1	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	74.0	79.0	5	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.0	7.0	2	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	95.0	98.0	1	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.4	7.6	3	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.1	1.0	4	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.5	1.5	2	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	32.7	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.0	2.0	3	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		16.0	9	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		20.4	3	27.2	1992	

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MONTGOMERY

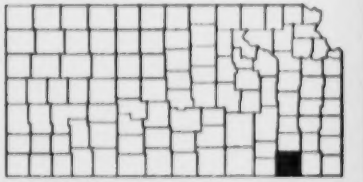
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	11.3	13.6	10	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	13.0	20.0	9	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		25.0	10	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	34.8	38.1	5	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.0	14.6	7	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	76.0	84.0	5	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	48.0	36.0	9	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.3	6.6	6	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	40.0	40.0	4	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	68.0	70.0	8	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	26.0	30.0	10	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	78.0	65.0	10	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	32.0	11.5	4	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.2	4.6	8	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.3	8.6	7	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	98.0	0	1	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	42.0	35.0	8	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	38,816	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	89.2%	88.4%
Black	6.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	2.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,063	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	54%	59.4%

County Seat: Independence



MONTGOMERY COUNTY on the Kansas-Oklahoma border has Independence as its county seat. This moderately-sized county experienced no violent teen deaths during the current year. The arrest rate for Montgomery County youths dropped 17 percent during the current year. Problem areas for this county include a 16 percent decline in the percentage of students graduating from high school. Births to mothers without a high school degree also increased and continue well above the state average.

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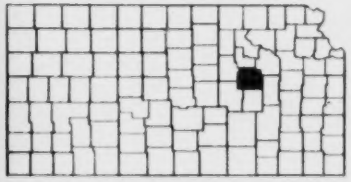
MORRIS

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,198	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.6%	88.4%
Black	0.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,437	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	58%	59.4%

County Seat: Council Grove



MORRIS COUNTY, home of Council Grove, boasts a current year decline in the percentage of low birth weight babies, a figure that continues below the state average. This county had no teen violent deaths or infant deaths during the current year. Concerns for Morris County include an increase in the out-of-home placement of children. The percentage of children pursuing additional education or training fell 8 percent and continues at a level below the state average.

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time: Worse ... Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.8	6.3	5	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	17.0	19.0	8	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		23.0	9	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	48.7	79.9	9	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.1	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.0	80.0	7	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.0	55.0	5	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.8	3.8	2	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	62.0	57.0	10	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.0	19.0	7	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	93.0	84.0	7	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.2	17.9	6	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.3	.6	3	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.6	9.3	7	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	257.3	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	41.0	52.0	10	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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MORTON

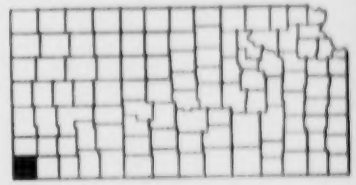
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.3	11.1	9	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Children in Poverty	12.0	25.0	10	14.0	1979 / 1989	+
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		13.0	5	18.0	/ 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	70.7	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.6	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	69.0	51.0	10	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	47.0	48.0	7	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.9	2.2	1	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	75.0	65.0	10	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	25.0	41.0	10	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	92.0	91.0	4	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	18.7	0	1	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.1	0	1	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	13.7	8.3	7	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	76.6	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.0	4.0	3	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	/ 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	/ 1992	

* Based on respondents to surveys

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,480	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	30.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	88.0%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	10.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,785	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	56%	59.4%

County Seat: Elkhart



MORTON COUNTY is a lightly-populated county bordering both Colorado and Oklahoma. Over 30 percent of the Morton County population is under the age of 18. This county consistently achieves high school graduation rates in excess of state averages. The arrest rate for Morton County youths continues to be well below most other counties. The percentage of Morton County births with early prenatal care fell further in the current year and continues to be one of the poorest rates in Kansas. Births to single teens exceed the state average.

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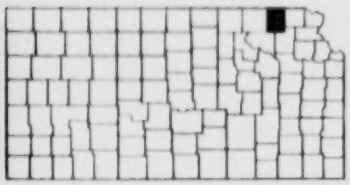
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	10,446	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.2%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,786	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	78%	59.4%

County Seat: Seneca



NEMAHA COUNTY lies on the Nebraska border and has Seneca as its county seat. Among its accomplishments, this county attained a 100 percent high school graduation rate during the current year. The percentage of births to single teens, quite low in the base years, dropped further during the current year. Concerns for Nemaha County include increase in both the juvenile arrest rate and the rate of out-of-home placement of children. While both rates remain below state averages, each increased in the current year.

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NEMAHA

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ... Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	1.6	.8	1	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	22.0	18.0	7	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		7.0	1	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	24.8	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.4	0	1	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	92.0	91.0	2	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	66.0	74.0	1	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.1	5.0	4	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	71.0	70.0	1	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	75.0	75.0	6	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	5.0	3.0	1	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	97.0	100.0	1	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.7	1.3	1	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.3	1.0	4	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out Of Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.2	3.3	3	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	119.3	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.0	10.0	5	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	— / 1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

NEOSHO

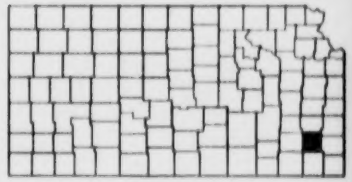
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.3	10.2	9	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	10.0	17.0	7	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		23.0	9	18.0	/ 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	16.7	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.8	5.1	2	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	80.0	89.0	3	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	42.0	24.0	10	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.7	4.6	3	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	51.0	51.0	3	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	75.0	78.0	5	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.0	23.0	8	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.0	87.0	6	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	35.6	2.9	2	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.0	0	1	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.4	4.5	4	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	34.1	284.7	8	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	20.0	29.0	8	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		15.8	9	11.9	/ 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		25.5	6	27.2	/ 1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	17,035	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.8%	88.4%
Black	1.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,613	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	68%	59.4%

County Seat: Erie



NEOSHO COUNTY lies in southeastern Kansas. This county attained a reduction in its infant mortality rate during the current year. The percentage of Neosho County births with early prenatal care increased in the current year and now resides above the state average. Problem areas include the percentage of Neosho County youth who report regularly using alcohol, a figure higher than many other Kansas counties. The current year rate of teen violent deaths increased 735 percent.

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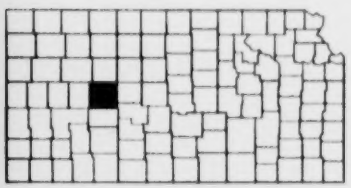
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,033	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.2%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aliuet	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,229	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	60%	59.4%

County Seat: Ness City



NESS COUNTY is a lightly-populated county in western Kansas where over 26 percent of the population is under the age of 18. The percentage of Ness County births with first trimester prenatal care increased in the current year and is one of the highest figures in Kansas. There were no arrests of juveniles in the current year, a further improvement over Ness County's low base year rate. Concerns in Ness County include a steep increase in the infant mortality rate. The percent of low birth weight babies increased to a level above the state average.

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NESS

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.8	2.6	1	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Children in Poverty	8.0	13.0	3	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		5.0	1	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	69.3	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	4.7	26.3	9	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.0	92.0	1	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	70.0	68.0	2	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.2	7.9	9	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	75.0	78.0	5	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	8.0	16.0	5	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	97.0	93.0	3	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.5	3.7	2	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.7	0	1	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.2	.9	1	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	**
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	89.8	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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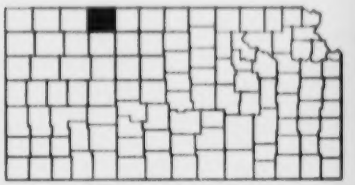
NORTON

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.3	4.6	4	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	17.0	19.0	8	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		13.0	4	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	0	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.0	15.4	8	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	87.0	83.0	6	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	54.0	48.0	7	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.7	3.1	2	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	79.0	74.0	6	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	8.0	12.0	4	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	94.0	95.0	2	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	28.5	25.4	7	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.9	7	3	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.0	8.3	6	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	153.2	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.0	25.0	7	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		11.4	5	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		19.7	2	27.2	— / 1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

	County	State
Population Size	5,947	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	22.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.7%	88.4%
Black	2.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,972	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	77%	59.4%

County Seat: Norton



NORTON COUNTY in northwest Kansas attained a further reduction in the percentage of low birth weight babies. The county continues to post a high school graduation rate that surpasses the state average. Problem areas in this county include a further increase in infant mortality in the current year and a drop in the percentage of children fully immunized by age 2.

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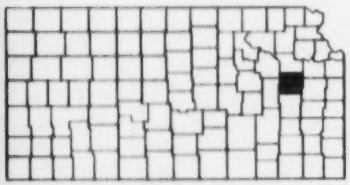
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	15,248	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.8%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,960	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	62%	59.4%

County Seat: Lyndon



OSAGE COUNTY in east central Kansas has Lyndon as its county seat. This county boasts a further current year drop in the rate of out-of-home placement of children. The percentage of births to Osage County single teens dropped during the current year and remains below the state average. Concerns include an increase in the childhood death rate. The percent of low birth weight babies increased 21 percent from the base years to the current year and now exceeds the state average.

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OSAGE

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ... Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.4	4.4	4	8.6	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	10.0	14.0	4	14.0	1979 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		17.0	7	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	12.2	30.4	4	27.5	1987-91 1992	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.0	4.9	2	8.8	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	88.0	3	83.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	62.0	61.0	3	53.0	1989-90 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.4	7.8	8	6.5	1987-91 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	29.0	29.0	5	36.0	1992 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	61.0	71.0	8	74.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.0	11.0	3	18.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	90.0	85.0	7	83.0	1990-91 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	54.1	34.8	9	34.3	1987-89&91 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.5	7.7	10	4.4	1987-89&91 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.3	3.5	3	8.8	1989-91 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	58.3	•	•	82.0	1987-91 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.0	9.0	5	38.0	1990-91 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey.

OSBORNE

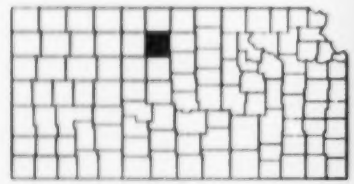
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.5	6.3	5	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	20.0	17.0	6	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		12.0	4	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	21.2	110.9	10	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	13.9	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.0	88.0	3	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	56.0	47.0	8	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.5	6.3	6	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	79.0	86.0	2	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	8.0	15.0	5	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	96.0	94.0	3	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	21.0	9.8	4	34.3	1987-88&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.2	4.9	9	4.4	1987-88&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.8	15.4	10	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	+
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	74.4	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,867	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	24.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.1%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$23,500	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	77%	59.4%

County Seat: Osborne



OSBORNE COUNTY is a lightly populated north central Kansas county. This county continues to graduate youth from high school at a rate higher than the state figure. The percentage of Osborne County children seeking additional education or training increased in the current year and is higher than most Kansas counties. Problem areas include the percentage of Osborne County children being placed outside the home, a figure that rose in the current year to well above the state average. The rate of children fully immunized by age 2 fell 15 percent in the current year.

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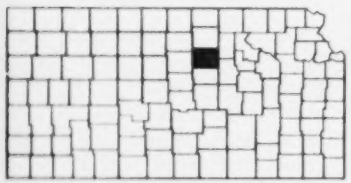
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,634	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.9%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,410	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	65%	59.4%

County Seat: Minneapolis



OTTAWA

OTTAWA COUNTY in north central Kansas has Minneapolis as its county seat. This county increased the current year percentage of births with first trimester prenatal care to one of the highest levels in the state. Other good news includes no current year teen violent deaths and no deaths to infants or children age 1 to 14. On the down side, the percentage of low birth weight babies rose above the state average in the current year. The out of home placement of Ottawa County children, while still below the state figure, rose 8.3 percent in the current year.

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.8	7.4	7	8.6	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	11.0	13.0	3	14.0	1979 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		13.0	5	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	16.9	•	•	27.5	1987-91 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.4	•	•	8.8	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	89.0	96.0	1	83.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	62.0	•	•	53.0	1989-90 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.1	7.4	8	6.5	1987-91 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	70.0	74.0	7	74.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	11.0	9.0	2	18.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	91.0	89.0	6	83.0	1990-91 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	22.3	6.2	3	34.3	1987-89&91 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.2	2.1	6	4.4	1987-89&91 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.2	4.1	4	8.8	1989-91 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	61.6	•	•	82.0	1987-91 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.0	8.0	4	38.0	1990-91 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey.

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PAWNEE

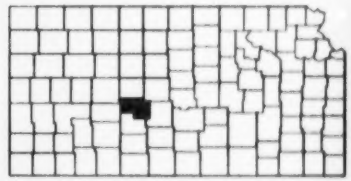
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.9	6.2	5	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	8.0	13.0	3	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		11.0	4	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	26.9	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	14.6	12.3	6	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	74.0	86.0	4	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	45.0	30.0	10	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.3	4.9	4	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	70.0	74.0	6	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.0	15.0	5	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	92.0	87.0	6	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	43.9	25.3	7	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.7	8.6	10	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.5	7.4	6	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	173.5	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.0	4.0	3	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,555	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	92.3%	88.4%
Black	3.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.7%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	3.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,759	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	75%	59.4%

County Seat: Larned



PAWNEE COUNTY, whose county seat is Larned, had no violent deaths to teens and no childhood deaths during the current year. The current percentage of Pawnee County births with early prenatal care rose above the state average. Concerns in Pawnee County include a further drop in the percentage of children fully immunized by age 2. This figure is now one of the lowest in Kansas. This county has no Head Start program.

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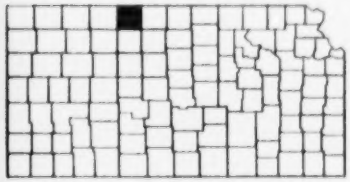
PHILLIPS

DEMOGRAPHICS
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,590	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.7%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,541	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	58%	59.4%

County Seat: Phillipsburg



PHILLIPS COUNTY is located on the Kansas-Nebraska border. This lightly-populated county had no arrests of juveniles during the current year, improving an already low base year figure. The percentage of low birth weight babies in Phillips County dropped further in the current year to one of the lowest figures in the state. Problem areas include a 95 percent increase in the out-of-home placement of Phillips County children.

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.2	3.3	2	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	8.0	12.0	2	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		10.0	3	18.0	/ 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	15.1	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	91.0	84.0	5	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	53.0	52.0	6	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.4	1.6	1	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	74.0	79.0	4	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	10.0	8.0	2	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	89.0	90.0	4	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.8	15.3	5	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.3	.6	3	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.8	13.3	10	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	51.9	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	/ 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	/ 1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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POTTAWATOMIE

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Basic Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ... Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.2	3.0	2	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	12.0	11.0	2	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		14.0	5	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	26.5	50.1	7	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	2.5	0	1	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.0	84.0	5	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	62.0	58.0	4	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.3	6.3	6	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	58.0	54.0	2	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	68.0	74.0	6	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	10.0	8.0	2	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	92.0	90.0	5	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.5	24.6	7	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.8	1.3	5	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.9	3.3	3	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	88.7	92.4	4	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	15.0	16.0	6	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		13.8	8	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		21.3	4	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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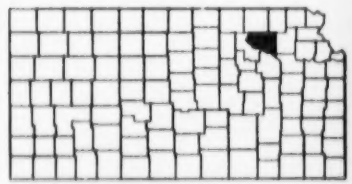
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	16,128	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	29.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.9%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$29,932	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	66%	59.4%

County Seat: Westmoreland



POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY has Westmoreland as its county seat. This county further reduced the percentage of births to single teens during the current year. There were no infant mortalities during the current year, an improvement on an already low base year figure. The out-of-home placement of Pottawatomie County children continues to occur at a level below state averages. Concerns for this county include a childhood death rate that remains above the state average. The percentage of children who report regular use of alcohol also surpasses many Kansas counties.

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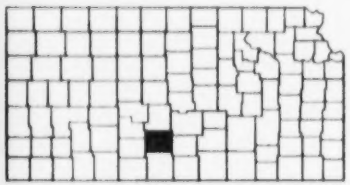
PRATT

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	9,702	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.8%	88.4%
Black	1.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,481	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	55%	59.4%

County Seat: Pratt



PRATT COUNTY in south central Kansas achieved a 49 percent decline in the percentage of births to mothers without a high school degree during the current year. The percentage of low birth weight babies continues below the state average. Problems in Pratt County include a juvenile arrest rate that remains well above the rate of most Kansas counties. The infant mortality rate increased 143 percent during the current year.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.1	5.8	5	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	9.0	12.0	2	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		13.0	5	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	40.3	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.8	16.5	8	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	86.0	77.0	8	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	58.0	56.0	5	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.4	5.8	5	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	78.0	80.0	4	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	18.0	9.0	2	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	89.0	84.0	7	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	32.8	15.6	5	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.1	3.2	7	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.0	6.9	6	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	55.8	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	53.0	86.0	10	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	— / 1992	

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RAWLINS

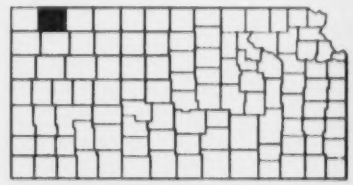
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.2	5.9	5	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	17.0	16.0	6	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		6.0	1	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.0	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.4	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	80.0	68.0	10	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	53.0	61.0	3	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.8	2.9	2	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	76.0	72.0	7	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.0	18.0	7	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	94.0	95.0	3	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	14.2	7.4	3	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.8	1.1	4	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.8	1.1	1	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	•	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,404	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.7%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,818	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	58%	59.4%

County Seat: Atwood



RAWLINS COUNTY with only 3,404 people has one of the smallest populations in the state. The county has maintained an exemplary high school graduation rate over the past six years and immunization rates have improved significantly in the past year. The county's low median family income level is reflected in above average childhood poverty rates. However, a relatively low percent of children in the county are receiving economic assistance suggesting that needy families are not being reached.

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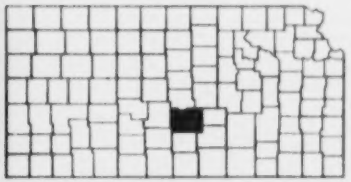
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	62,389	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	92.4%	88.4%
Black	2.7%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$29,549	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	59%	59.4%

County Seat: Hutchinson



RENO

RENO COUNTY is one of the state's most populous counties with demographic characteristics that closely match the overall state figures. Infant mortality rates have improved significantly and the county continues to maintain a relatively high immunization rate. The percent of low birth weight babies, juvenile arrest rates and teen violent death rates are increasing. Childhood alcohol use is lower than most of the state; however, use of other drugs is somewhat higher.

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.8	8.8	8	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	11.0	14.0	4	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		22.0	9	18.0	/ 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	31.2	31.6	4	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.5	7.8	4	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	74.0	79.0	7	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	65.0	64.0	2	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.9	6.6	6	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	24.0	27.0	5	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	63.0	69.0	9	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	20.0	22.0	8	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	82.0	82.0	9	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	51.7	46.2	10	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.6	4.8	8	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.2	11.7	9	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	71.5	148.7	6	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	57.0	71.0	10	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		10.3	3	11.9	/ 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		29.3	8	27.2	/ 1992	

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REPUBLIC

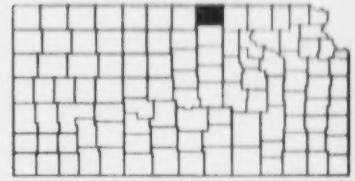
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.2	5.9	5	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	14.0	19.0	8	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		10.0	3	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	0	86.3	9	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.8	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	84.0	5	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	60.0	30.0	10	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.2	1.5	1	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	77.0	87.0	2	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	7.0	14.0	4	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	92.0	95.0	3	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	16.6	2.6	2	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.7	0	1	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.1	0	1	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	57.5	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,482	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	22.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.4%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aliuet	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,637	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	63%	59.4%

County Seat: Belleville



REPUBLIC COUNTY has one of the lowest median family income levels in the state and a correspondingly high level of childhood poverty. High school graduation rates have improved and are well above the state average as is the case for the percent of graduates who pursue post-secondary education or training. Immunization rates have shown an alarming drop while the percent of births to single teens and to mothers with less than a high school degree have risen significantly.

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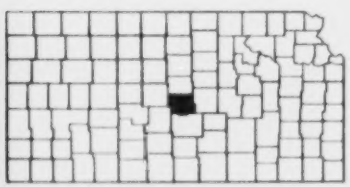
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	10,610	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.6%	88.4%
Black	1.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,406	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	55%	59.4%

County Seat: Lyons



RICE COUNTY in central Kansas has experienced a dramatic increase in childhood poverty and has a rate that is almost twice that of the state. Childhood immunization rates are among the best in the state. However, the infant mortality rate and percent of low birth weight babies have risen and are now among the highest in the state. While more high school graduates are now pursuing post-secondary education or training, the percent graduating from high school has decreased by 5 percent from the base years to the current year.

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RICE

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ... Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.1	6.5	6	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	10.0	24.0	10	14.0	1979 / 1989	+
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		20.0	8	18.0	/ 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	71.2	44.4	6	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.9	32.3	10	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	72.0	77.0	8	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.0	61.0	3	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.9	7.3	8	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	72.0	81.0	3	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.0	15.0	5	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	87.0	83.0	8	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	16.4	21.5	6	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.1	.4	3	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.2	9.4	8	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	81.9	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	19.0	8.0	5	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	/ 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	/ 1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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RILEY

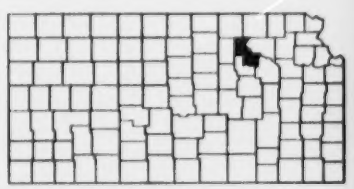
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	2.6	4.0	3	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	14.0	17.0	6	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		12.0	4	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.3	49.5	6	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.4	6.7	3	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	77.0	75.0	9	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.0	60.0	3	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.5	4.9	4	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	28.0	30.0	5	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	81.0	84.0	2	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	8.0	7.0	2	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	86.0	86.0	7	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.3	23.3	6	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.2	3.2	7	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.5	4.7	4	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rates per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	23.4	0	1	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	34.0	39.0	9	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		11.2	4	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		26.8	7	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	67,139	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	21.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	81.6%	88.4%
Black	10.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3.5%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,511	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	52%	59.4%

County Seat: Manhattan



RILEY COUNTY has a low proportion of children in its relatively diverse population. While teen violent death rates dropped in the county, the childhood death rate has increased dramatically. Immunization rates continue to run ahead of the state average. The percent births to single teens, while on the rise, continues to be well below the state average. The same applies to out-of-home placement rates. Percent of births with early prenatal care continues to lag well behind the rate in other Kansas counties.

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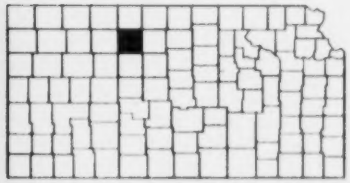
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,039	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.7%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,601	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	46%	59.4%

County Seat: Stockton



ROOKS COUNTY in north central Kansas has a high graduation rate and the post-secondary education rate has risen dramatically in the last year. The prenatal care utilization rate has also increased significantly and now ranks among the highest in the state. Still, the county must contend with one of the highest childhood poverty rates and, judging from the percent of children receiving economic assistance, many of these children are not currently receiving economic assistance. The county also continues to lack a Head Start program and has experienced a sharp increase in the percent of births that are to single teens.

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ROOKS

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ... Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.9	8.5	8	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	11.0	19.0	8	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		11.0	4	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	45.5	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	2.6	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.0	92.0	2	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	46.0	43.0	9	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.7	4.2	3	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	71.0	87.0	2	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	10.0	3.0	1	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	94.0	96.0	2	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	17.8	7.8	3	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.8	.6	3	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out Of Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.8	4.4	4	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	+
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	160.6	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.0	8.0	4	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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RUSH

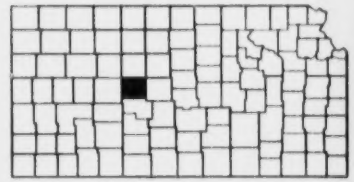
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	2.6	2.8	1	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	12.0	14.0	4	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		11.0	3	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	•	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	94.0	1	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	54.0	58.0	4	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.3	5.6	4	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	27.0	27.0	5	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	87.0	85.0	2	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.0	17.0	6	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	93.0	93.0	3	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	26.8	52.5	10	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.1	7.7	10	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.8	5.6	5	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	•	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		10.9	4	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		20.0	2	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,842	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	22.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.8%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,489	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	46%	59.4%

County Seat: La Crosse



RUSH COUNTY is a small central Kansas county with relatively few children. The percent of births with early prenatal care has improved significantly in the last year and ranks among the top ten percent in the state. However, the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school degree is on the rise. High school graduation and post-secondary education or training rates rank among the highest in the state. Alcohol and drug use by school-age children appear to be less problematic than in much of the state but, even here, one in five children indicate that they have used drugs other than alcohol.

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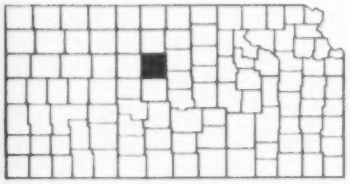
RUSSELL

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,835	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.4%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,508	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	54%	59.4%

County Seat: Russell



RUSSELL COUNTY is a small central Kansas county with lower than average median family income and percent of children and youth in its population. The county's prenatal care utilization rate has improved to well above the state average and the percent of low birth weight babies has also improved. However, high school graduation rates have dropped and the county still lacks a Head Start program.

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.0	3.0	2	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	13.0	17.0	6	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		15.0	6	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	40.6	69.1	8	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	4.8	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	97.0	1	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	45.0	59.0	4	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.2	4.5	3	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	74.0	80.0	4	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.0	12.0	4	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	94.0	82.0	8	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	21.4	12.8	5	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.6	3.2	7	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.6	6.6	5	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	44.7	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	39.0	51.0	10	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		10.2	3	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		19.3	2	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to surveys

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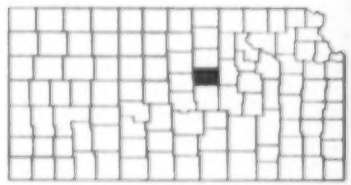
SALINE

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.3	8.3	8	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	8.0	16.0	6	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		18.0	7	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	30.7	19.0	2	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.9	12.9	7	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	86.0	87.0	3	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.0	56.0	5	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.8	7.0	7	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	23.0	29.0	5	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	71.0	69.0	8	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.0	17.0	6	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	85.0	86.0	7	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	23.3	20.4	6	34.3	1987,89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.7	3.0	7	4.4	1987,89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.1	8.9	7	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	81.6	65.8	3	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	78.0	74.0	10	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol		13.4	8	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		30.0	8	27.2	1992	

*Based on respondents in county

	County	State
Population Size	49,301	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	93.0%	88.4%
Black	3.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,030	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	69%	59.4%

County Seat: Salina



SALINE COUNTY is a moderately-sized county with a strong median family income. Teen violent death and childhood death rates have both declined. Juvenile arrest rates continue to be among the highest in the state; the percent of children regularly using alcohol or having used drugs exceeds the state average; and children pursuing post-secondary education or training lags behind most other counties.

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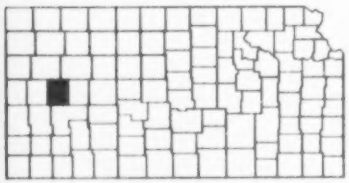
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,289	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.8%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$29,267	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	51%	59.4%

County Seat: Scott City



SCOTT

SCOTT COUNTY in western Kansas has a small population but a relatively high percentage of the population are under age 18. These children enjoy one of the lowest poverty rates in the state and one of the most accessible Head Start programs. Early prenatal care utilization falls behind the rest of the state and the percent of low birth weight babies is quite high. The high school graduation rate dropped signif icantly in the last year and juvenile arrest rates remain high compared to other counties.

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.0	8.3	8	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	11.0	7.0	1	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		9.0	2	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	32.2	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.5	27.8	9	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	76.0	79.0	8	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	68.0	60.0	3	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.4	13.9	10	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	+
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	167.0	170.0	1	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	78.0	76.0	5	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	17.0	15.0	5	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	94.0	82.0	9	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.1	8.2	4	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0	3.2	7	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	+
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.9	8.4	7	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	0	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	28.0	20.0	7	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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SEDGWICK

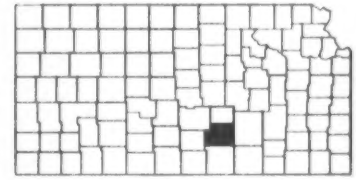
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.8	10.6	9	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	12.0	15.0	5	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		22.0	8	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	29.3	31.3	4	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.6	10.2	5	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	85.0	4	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	57.0	61.0	3	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.1	7.1	7	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	33.0	33.0	4	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	61.0	72.0	7	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	20.0	21.0	8	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	76.0	77.0	10	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	38.2	47.9	10	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.9	8.2	10	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	+
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.2	10.1	8	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	68.4	103.8	4	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	45.0	59.0	10	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		11.8	6	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		30.9	9	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to surveys

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	403,662	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	83.7%	88.4%
Black	8.8%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	1.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$36,194	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	59%	59.4%

County Seat: Wichita



SEDGWICK COUNTY has the largest and one of the more diverse populations in the state. Immunization and prenatal care utilization rates are higher than most Kansas counties. On most other indicators, however, the county lags behind the state and the situation continues to decline. The teen violent death rate has risen dramatically. Percent of births that are to single teens, out-of-home placement rate and the juvenile arrest rate have all increased in the last year and rank among the highest in the state. The high school graduation rate continues to be among the lowest in the state.

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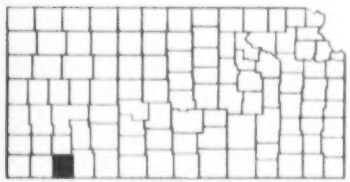
SEWARD

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	18,743	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	31.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	71.6%	88.4%
Black	5.8%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	19.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$29,810	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	49%	59.4%

County Seat: Liberal



SEWARD COUNTY in south western Kansas enjoys a diverse population, with a higher median family income than most Kansas counties and a higher percentage of the population under age 18. It struggles with a childhood poverty level which is among the highest in the state. The percent of low birth weight babies dropped significantly in the last year. Prenatal care utilization continues behind the rest of the state. The percentage of births to mothers who are single teens and to those with less than a high school degree continue to rise and are among the highest in the state. High school graduation rates are low and juvenile arrest rates are high. It does appear that alcohol and drug use are less prevalent than in other counties.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ... Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	12.1	13.8	10	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	12.0	21.0	9	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		27.0	10	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	38.0	40.2	6	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.1	10.6	5	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	58.0	51.0	10	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	40.0	40.0	9	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.9	4.8	4	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	63.0	72.0	7	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	39.0	45.0	10	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	77.0	74.0	10	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	54.1	58.8	10	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.0	7.5	10	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.3	12.0	9	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	71.1	148.8	6	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	57.0	65.0	10	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		8.1	2	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		23.3	4	27.2	— / 1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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SHAWNEE

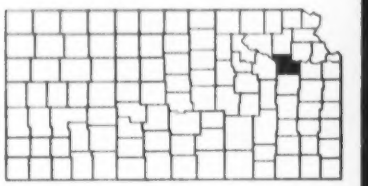
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100% 80% 60% 40% 20% 0% → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	9.6	10.5	9	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	10.0	14.0	4	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		22.0	9	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	30.3	17.9	2	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.4	5.6	2	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	86.0	89.0	2	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.0	68.0	2	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.9	7.8	9	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	52.0	54.0	2	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	61.0	68.0	9	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.0	19.0	7	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	74.0	78.0	9	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.5	30.5	8	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.5	4.8	8	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.4	11.0	9	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	53.5	70.2	3	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	44.0	43.0	9	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		11.5	5	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		31.7	9	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	160,976	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	85.3%	88.4%
Black	8.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	1.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.7%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$35,987	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	64%	59.4%

County Seat: Topeka



SHAWNEE COUNTY has a large population with one of the highest median family income levels in the state. Childhood death and infant mortality rates have dropped significantly in the past year. Prenatal care utilization and immunization rates remain among the best in the state. While the Head Start program is strong compared to the rest of the state, there are still slots for only 1 of every 2 eligible children. Older children appear to fair less well. High school graduation rates are low as are the percent of graduates pursuing post-secondary education or training. Juvenile arrest and out-of-home placement rates are high. Use of drugs other than alcohol is high relative to other counties in the state.

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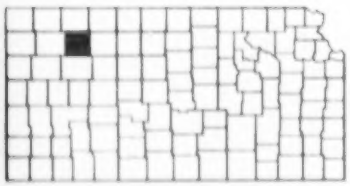
SHERIDAN

DEMOGRAPHICS
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,043	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.9%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,135	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	54%	59.4%

County Seat: Hoxie



SHERIDAN COUNTY with a small population can experience large changes in some indicators which involve very few children. Nevertheless, the county should be concerned about the recent rise in the infant mortality rate. Given the relatively high poverty rate in this county, one would expect to see a higher percentage of children receiving economic assistance and there is a continuing need for a Head Start program. The county should be particularly proud of the 100 percent high school graduation rate achieved in the last year.

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.1	0	1	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	19.0	19.0	8	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		3.0	1	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	•	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.4	31.3	10	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.0	84.0	5	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	73.0	58.0	4	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.2	0	1	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	82.0	93.0	1	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	6.0	3.0	1	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	95.0	100.0	1	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.7	9.8	4	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	+
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	0	0	1	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.0	2.3	2	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	98.2	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	0	12.0	6	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	— / 1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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SHERMAN

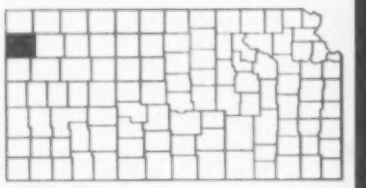
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.4	12.9	10	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	12.0	20.0	9	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		19.0	7	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	13.3	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.8	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.0	81.0	7	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	50.0	40.0	9	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.5	7.1	7	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	43.0	44.0	3	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	77.0	86.0	2	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	20.0	27.0	9	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	80.0	72.0	10	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	59.4	45.4	10	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.4	2.6	6	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.7	14.6	10	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	113.0	670.3	10	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	52.0	46.0	9	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		7.5	1	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		17.6	1	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to surveys.

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,926	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	92.6%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	6.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,770	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	52%	59.4%

County Seat: Goodland



SHERMAN COUNTY in northwestern Kansas has one of the lower median family income levels in the state. One in five children in the county lives in poverty. Services to these children are relatively good in that most are receiving economic assistance and the county has an active Head Start program. Drug and alcohol use are among the lowest in the state. However, immunization and high school graduation rates have declined in the past year and are among the lowest in the state. Also on the negative side, teen violent death, out-of-home placement and juvenile arrest rates are among the highest in the state.

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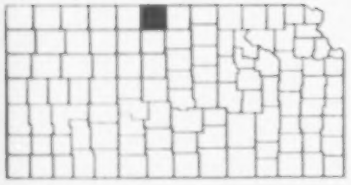
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1940 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,078	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	22.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.6%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$22,261	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	76%	59.4%

County Seat: Smith Center



SMITH

SMITH COUNTY has one of the lowest median family income levels in the state and high childhood poverty rates. The low percent of children receiving economic assistance and the absence of a Head Start program suggest that many of these children are not being reached. Immunization rates have fallen and the percent of low birth weight babies has gone up in the county. While still an unusual event, the county did experience four violent teen deaths in the last year compared to previous years when they averaged less than one per year. On the positive side, the county continues to graduate almost all of its high school students. The out-of-home placement rate and juvenile arrest rate are among the lowest in the state.

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Basic Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.0	0	1	8.6	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	18.0	20.0	9	14.0	1979 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		9.0	2	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	22.1	229.9	10	27.5	1987-91 1992	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	16.6	19.6	8	8.8	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.0	84.0	5	83.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	67.0	56.0	5	53.0	1989-90 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.6	9.8	10	6.5	1987-91 1992	+
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	78.0	79.0	4	74.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.0	6.0	1	18.0	1987-91 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	92.0	98.0	1	83.0	1990-91 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	24.8	5.9	3	34.3	1987-89&91 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.5	8	4	4.4	1987-89&91 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.5	2.6	2	8.8	1989-91 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	67.2	386.4	9	82.0	1987-91 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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STAFFORD

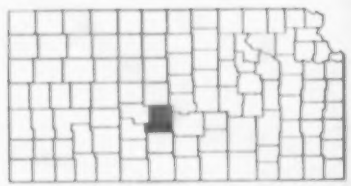
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.5	5.7	4	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	13.0	16.0	6	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		18.0	7	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	17.8	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	12.0	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.0	83.0	6	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	48.0	36.0	9	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.9	9.4	9	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	78.0	74.0	6	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	12.0	15.0	5	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.0	91.0	4	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	37.4	19.0	6	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.3	3.6	8	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.8	11.8	9	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	+
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	66.3	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.0	21.0	7	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

*Based on respondents to surveys

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,365	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.1%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,000	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	55%	59.4%

County Seat: St. John



STAFFORD COUNTY with a population of 5,365 has experienced moderate improvements in percent births with early prenatal care and the high school graduation rate in the past year. Immunization rates have fallen further behind the state average with only slightly more than one-third of the children fully immunized by age 2. The county has also seen increases in out-of-home placement and juvenile arrest rates.

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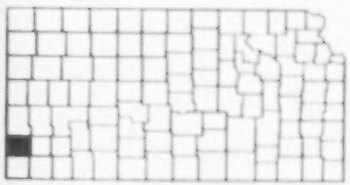
STANTON

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1980 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,333	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	32.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	82.1%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	16.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,993	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	45%	59.4%

County Seat: Johnson City



STANTON COUNTY in southwestern Kansas has a small population but an unusually large proportion of children and Hispanic people. The percent births with early prenatal care has improved significantly in the past year and juvenile arrests are down. The county continues to have one the highest high school graduation rates in the state. On the other hand, the percent births to mothers with less than a high school degree is over twice the state rate. The percent births to single teens is also on the rise. The county does not offer a Head Start program despite a higher than average childhood poverty rate.

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.6	7.3	7	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	18.0	20.0	9	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		11.0	4	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	101.4	167.2	10	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.3	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	71.0	85.0	4	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	69.0	84.0	1	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	8.8	0	1	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	91.0	91.0	1	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	33.0	37.0	10	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	99.0	98.0	2	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	17.3	5.3	2	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.0	2.6	7	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.9	0	1	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	122.5	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.0	3.0	3	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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STEVENS

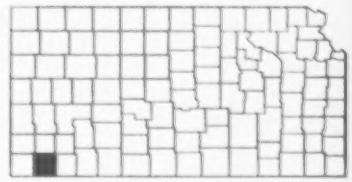
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.9	7.2	6	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	7.0	15.0	5	14.0	1979 / 1989	+
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		14.0	5	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	32.5	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	2.6	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	71.0	66.0	10	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	47.0	25.0	10	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.0	3.6	2	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	81.0	88.0	1	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	20.0	23.0	8	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	94.0	89.0	5	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	19.7	37.9	9	34.3	1987,89,90-91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.2	2.0	6	4.4	1987,89,90-91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.5	4.9	4	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	230.7	292.8	8	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.0	7.0	4	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		11.5	5	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		16.5	1	27.2	1992	

*Based on respondents by survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,048	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	30.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	87.6%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	10.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,462	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	57%	59.4%

County Seat: Hugoton



STEVENS COUNTY has a relatively high percentage of children under age 18 and a substantial Hispanic population. The county experienced a slight drop in the high school graduation rate but a larger percent of graduates are pursuing post-secondary education or training. The percent of children reporting use of drugs other than alcohol is among the lowest in the state. Childhood immunization rates have shown an alarming drop with only 25 percent of the kindergartners fully immunized at age 2. The county still does not have a Head Start program.

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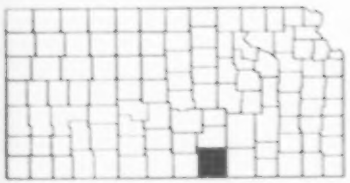
SUMNER

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	25,841	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	29.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.6%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	3.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,772	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	58%	59.4%

County Seat: Wellington



SUMNER COUNTY has one of the lowest childhood poverty rates in the state and has seen a drop in both childhood deaths and infant mortality rates. The Head Start program provides slots for the majority of eligible children. Immunization rates have dropped with nearly half of the kindergartners not fully immunized at age 2. Alcohol and drug use by school-age children appears to be a serious problem. The percent of low birth weight babies has grown and is now higher than the state average.

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time Worse / Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.6	9.1	8	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	8.0	8.0	1	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		16.0	6	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	30.4	16.2	1	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.8	5.5	2	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	77.0	80.0	7	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	60.0	52.0	6	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.9	7.7	8	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	81.0	80.0	1	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	67.0	61.0	10	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	17.0	17.0	6	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.0	89.0	5	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	31.7	31.3	8	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.4	5.7	9	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.9	16.3	10	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	67.5	118.5	5	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	26.0	31.0	8	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		20.4	10	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		30.7	8	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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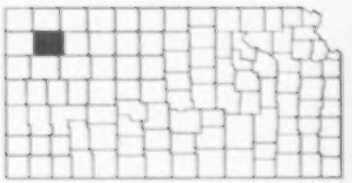
THOMAS

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.1	5.4	4	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	9.0	17.0	7	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		13.0	4	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	10.7	53.4	7	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	1.6	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.0	92.0	1	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.0	57.0	4	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.3	6.3	6	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	28.0	5	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	88.0	79.0	4	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	12.0	10.0	3	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	93.0	91.0	4	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	19.7	26.8	7	34.3	1987-88/91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.0	3.0	7	4.4	1987-88/91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.3	9.4	8	8.8	1991-93 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	76.4	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	41.0	30.0	8	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs		•	•	27.2	1992	

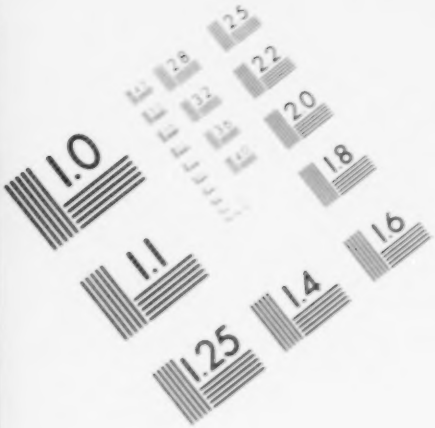
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

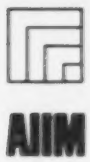
	County	State
Population Size	8,258	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.8%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,470	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	51%	59.4%

County Seat: Colby



THOMAS COUNTY had one of the highest prenatal care utilization rates in the state for 1992. Juvenile arrest rates dropped significantly in the past year, however, the out-of-home placement rate has climbed somewhat. The childhood death rate has more than doubled from the base years to the current year. On most indicators the county ranks near the middle.





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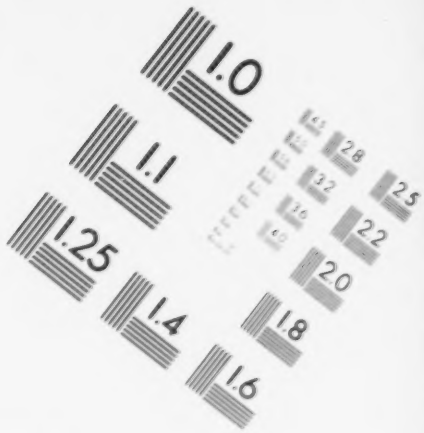

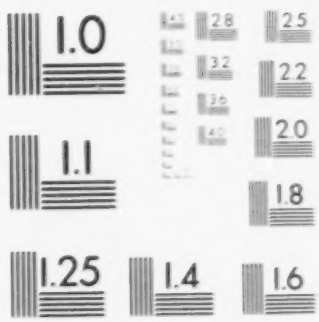

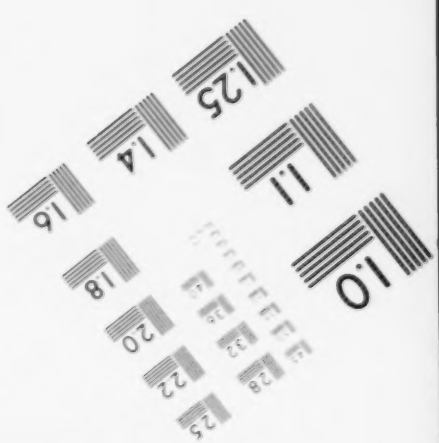

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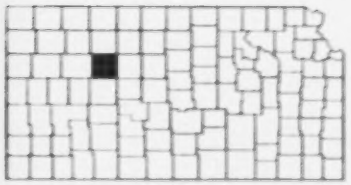
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,694	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.1%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aliut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.5%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,851	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	67%	59.4%

County Seat: WaKeeney



TREGO COUNTY continues to enjoy a high school graduation rate that is higher than most other counties and has experienced a large increase in the percent of its graduates who pursue post-secondary education or training. Early prenatal care utilization has improved and also ranks among the top counties in the state. While the county childhood poverty rate is low, it would appear that only half of these children currently receive economic assistance. Juvenile arrest rates are down but the county continues to have a high out-of-home placement rate.

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time: Worse ← Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	1.6	2.8	1	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	10.0	12.0	2	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		6.0	1	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	50.9	130.1	10	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	27.8	9	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	89.0	94.0	1	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	61.0	63.0	3	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.5	8.3	9	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	66.0	67.0	2	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	76.0	92.0	1	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	7.0	11.0	3	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	97.0	92.0	4	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.8	14.0	5	34.3	1987-88&91 / 1992	+
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.3	4.0	8	4.4	1987-88&91 / 1992	+
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.6	11.3	9	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	•	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.0	3.0	3	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

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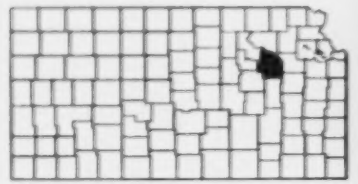
	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.1	6.0	5	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	9.0	10.0	2	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		14.0	5	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	56.1	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	20.7	11.9	6	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	85.0	5	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	72.0	45.0	8	53.0	1989-91 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.9	3.6	2	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	70.0	70.0	2	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	71.0	73.0	7	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	10.0	13.0	4	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	87.0	81.0	9	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	15.0	14.9	5	34.3	1987,88&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.5	1.1	4	4.4	1987,88&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.4	3.8	3	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	+
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	43.3	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.0	4.0	3	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	— / 1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,603	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.2%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,802	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	66%	59.4%

County Seat: Alma



WABAUNSEE COUNTY, with one of the higher family income levels in the state, has a relatively low childhood poverty rate. The percent of low birth weight babies has declined and the out-of-home placement rate continues to be well below the state average despite a recent increase. The percent of students graduating from high school dropped in the last year and is now below the state average. The percent of these graduates pursuing post-secondary education or training remains relatively low. Of particular concern is the large drop in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2.

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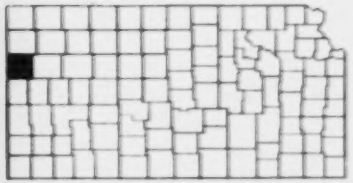
WALLACE

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	1,821	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	29.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.9%	88.4%
Black	0.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aliuet	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$23,950	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	53%	59.4%

County Seat: Sharon Springs



WALLACE COUNTY, a small western Kansas county, has experienced marked improvement in the high school graduation rate and percent of graduates pursuing post-secondary education or training. The percent births to single teens and to mothers with less than a high school degree have declined. With a childhood poverty rate twice the state average, the county remains without a Head Start program. The percent of births with early prenatal care remains among the lowest in the state.

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time Worse / Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.8	4.2	3	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	15.0	30.0	10	14.0	1979 / 1989	+
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		7.0	1	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	•	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.4	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	75.0	75.0	9	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	88.0	90.0	1	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.8	4.2	3	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	69.0	96.0	1	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.0	8.0	2	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	87.0	97.0	2	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	40.2	23.9	7	34.3	1987-88&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.8	0	1	4.4	1987-88&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.0	3.7	3	8.8	1990-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	•	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	0	0	2.0	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey.

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WASHINGTON

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time Worse ← → Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	2.6	3.9	3	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	23.0	15.0	5	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		10.0	3	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	0	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.8	13.2	7	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.0	84.0	5	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	62.0	49.0	7	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.7	7.9	9	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	46.0	70.0	2	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	75.0	81.0	3	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	7.0	0	1	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	95.0	95.0	3	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.9	0	1	34.3	1987-88&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6	0	1	4.4	1987-88&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.1	1.2	1	8.8	1990-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	0	252.9	8	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.0	9.0	5	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

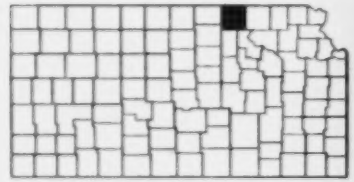
* Based on respondents to survey

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,073	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	24.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.5%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,134	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	62%	59.4%

County Seat: Washington



WASHINGTON COUNTY has a relatively low childhood poverty rate despite a low median family income level. High school graduation rates remain high and a higher percentage of these graduates are pursuing post-secondary education or training. There has also been a dramatic improvement in the Head Start participation rate. The infant mortality rate and the percent of low birth weight babies have both increased while the immunization rate has declined.

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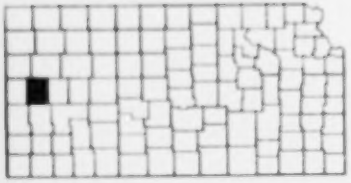
WICHITA

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,758	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	31.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	87.5%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	11.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,288	$32,986
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	51%	59.4%

County Seat: Leoti



WICHITA COUNTY has a relatively low childhood poverty rate and most of these children appear to be receiving economic assistance. The county has experienced a dramatic increase in the percent of its high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education or training but the overall high school graduation rate has dropped below the state average. While involving small numbers of children, the out-of-home placement and teen violent death rates have both increased. The percent births to single teens and to mothers with less than a high school degree have both increased.

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	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.6	11.1	9	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Children in Poverty	20.0	12.0	2	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		14.0	5	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	55.4	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	76.0	78.0	8	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	59.0	50.0	6	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.1	6.7	7	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	49.0	49.0	3	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	78.0	91.0	1	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	22.0	29.0	10	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	95.0	81.0	9	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.3	4.4	2	34.3	1987-88&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.4	3.3	7	4.4	1987-88&91 / 1992	+
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.9	11.4	9	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	108.3	638.7	10	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0	0	2	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey

WILSON

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.0	10.7	9	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	17.0	18.0	7	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		21.0	8	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	56.5	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.3	24.8	9	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	76.0	82.0	7	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	43.0	35.0	10	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.5	9.1	9	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	45.0	61.0	2	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	68.0	72.0	8	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	22.0	22.0	8	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.0	90.0	5	83.0	1988-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	41.3	54.4	10	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.1	6.2	9	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.0	9.1	7	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	29.5	165.5	7	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	26.0	22.0	7	38.0	1988-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

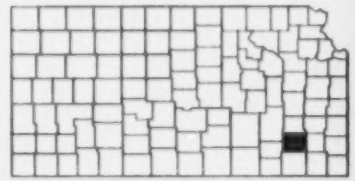
* Based on respondents to survey

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	10,259	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.3%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$23,635	$32,066
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	45%	59.4%

County Seat: Fredonia



WILSON COUNTY has taken active steps to benefit children through the expansion of the Head Start program and high school graduation rates are well above the state average. The need for early prenatal care is evident in the rising infant mortality rate and percent low birth weight babies. The percent births to single teens is also on the rise.

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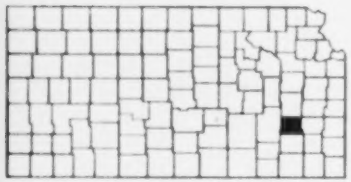
WOODSON

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,116	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	24.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.2%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,185	$32,966
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	53%	59.4%

County Seat: Yates Center



WOODSON COUNTY has a low level of median family income but only a moderate level of childhood poverty. The county has experienced improvements in the juvenile arrest rate, out-of-home placement rate and percent low birth weight babies. The percent of births with early prenatal care has declined as has the percent of children fully immunized. More than half of the kindergartners in 1992 were not fully immunized by age 2. The percent births to single teens and to mothers with less than a high school degree have worsened.

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	Base Year County	County	Current Year Decile Rank	Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time Worse ... Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.5	6.3	5	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Poverty	12.0	16.0	6	14.0	1979 / 1989	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		19.0	7	18.0	1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	25.2	•	•	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	•	•	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	81.0	75.0	9	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	54.0	47.0	8	53.0	1989-90 / 1992	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.0	3.1	2	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	45.0	45.0	3	36.0	1992 / 1993	
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	71.0	77.0	5	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.0	22.0	8	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.0	90.0	5	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	40.0	36.0	9	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.5	5.0	9	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.6	3.0	2	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	0	•	•	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	37.0	25.0	7	38	1990-91 / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		•	•	11.9	1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		•	•	27.2	1992	

* Based on respondents to survey.

WYANDOTTE

	Base Year County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time Worse	Percent Change Over Time Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING							
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	15.6	18.2	10	8.6	1987-91 / 1992		
Percent of Children in Poverty	19.0	26.0	10	14.0	1979 / 1989		
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		33.0	10	18.0	— / 1993		
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY							
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	37.8	43.8	6	27.5	1987-91 / 1992		
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	12.5	13.6	7	8.8	1987-91 / 1992		
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	75.0	78.0	8	83.0	1987-91 / 1992		
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	41.0	34.0	10	53.0	1989-90 / 1992		
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	8.9	8.5	9	6.5	1987-91 / 1992		
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT							
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	45.0	46.0	3	36.0	1992 / 1993		
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	65.0	70.0	8	74.0	1987-91 / 1992		
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	27.0	28.0	9	18.0	1987-91 / 1992		
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	84.0	85.0	7	83.0	1990-91 / 1992		
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING							
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	66.4	77.0	10	34.3	1987,88,91 / 1992		
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.5	7.4	10	4.4	1987,88,91 / 1992		
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	20.9	24.6	10	8.8	1989-91 / 1992		
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	99.8	141.2	6	82.0	1987-91 / 1992		
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL							
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	39.0	37.0	9	38.0	1990-91 / 1992		
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		13.1	8	11.9	— / 1992		
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		32.9	10	27.2	— / 1992		

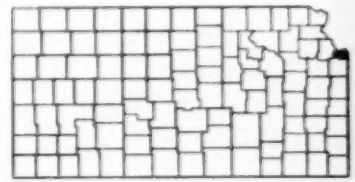
* Based on respondents to survey

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	161,993	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	64.2%	88.4%
Black	27.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aluet	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	6.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,672	$32,066
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force. (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family.)	54%	59.4%

County Seat: Kansas City



WYANDOTTE COUNTY is one of the most populous and racially diverse counties in the state. In 1992 more of its high school graduates went on to post-secondary education or training. Head Start participation remains strong relative to the rest of the state, however, slots are available for fewer than half of the estimated eligible children. The percent of births that are to single teens continues to rise and is among the highest in the state. Immunization rates have dropped to dangerous levels with almost two-thirds of the kindergartners not fully immunized by age 2. Childhood death and teen violent death rates have both increased. Reported alcohol and drug use by school-age children is higher than most Kansas counties.

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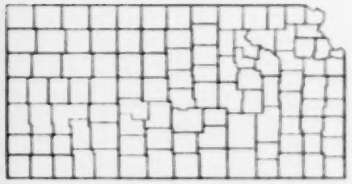
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	State
Population Size	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%
Ethnicity	
White	88.4%
Black	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,986
Children Under Age 6 With Parents In The Labor Force (Both parents working or one parent working in single parent family)	59.4%



KANSAS

KANSAS has experienced a decline in childhood death rates and shows moderate improvement in the percent of high school graduates who are pursuing post-secondary education or training. Moderate gains have been made in Head Start participation. Losers outnumber winners this year, however, as the state has experienced a resurgence in the teen violent death rate and a continued increase in the percent births to single teens. The infant mortality rate and percent of low birth weight babies have been increased. Out-of-home placement rates also have continued to rise. Data reported for the first time this year will allow monitoring of drug and alcohol use by school-age children. These data indicate that more than one in ten school age children report frequent use of alcohol while more than one in four report having used other drugs at some time.

	Base Year State	Current Year State	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time: Worse ← → Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.2	8.6	8.6	1987-91 / 1992	▼
Percent of Children in Poverty	11.0	14.0	14.0	1979 / 1989	▼
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance		18.0	18.0	— / 1993	
PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	31.5	27.5	27.5	1987-91 / 1992	▲
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.6	8.8	8.8	1987-91 / 1992	▼
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	81.0	83.0	83.0	1987-91 / 1992	▲
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	57.0	53.0	53.0	1989-91 / 1992	▼
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.2	6.5	6.5	1987-91 / 1992	▼
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	34.0	36.0	36.0	1992 / 1993	▲
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	69.0	74.0	74.0	1987-91 / 1992	▲
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	17.0	18.0	18.0	1987-91 / 1992	▼
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	84.0	83.0	83.0	1990-91 / 1992	▼
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	34.8	34.3	34.3	1987-89&91 / 1992	▲
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.2	4.4	4.4	1987-89&91 / 1992	▼
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.5	8.8	8.8	1989-91 / 1992	▼
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	69.9	82.0	82.0	1987-91 / 1992	▼
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	34.0	38.0	38.0	1990-91 / 1992	▼
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol*		11.9	11.9	— / 1992	
Percent of Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs*		27.2	27.2	— / 1992	

* Based on respondents' honesty

APPENDIX

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SELECTION OF INDICATORS

The selection of data for the annual *Kansas Kids Count Data Book* is an on-going process. It is impacted by the decisions of the project's funder, the Annie E. Casey Foundation; the *Kansas Kids Count Steering Committee;* and the projects three partners, Kansas Action for Children, the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare and FryeAllen Advertising, Inc.

The Casey Foundation produces an annual national *Kids Count Data Book* and asks that each state project replicate the same indicators on a county-by-county basis in their state data books.

The *Kansas Kids Count Steering Committee* and the three *Kansas Kids Count* partners make their indicator decisions based in part on the following criteria:

- availability of data for a significant number of the state's 105 counties
- pertinence of the data to policy making concerning children's issues
- direct outcome measures versus indirect measures
  (for example, does the indicator measure the number of children who have tried drugs, a direct outcome measure, or does it measure the number of drug education programs presented to Kansas children, an indirect measure?)

A Data Subcommittee assists the Steering Committee and partners in their review of potential indicators. Comprised of representatives of state agencies, the committee helps determine availability of data, suggests new ways of presenting the data and serves as a data source.

The *1994 Kansas Kids Count* indicators were determined after a great deal of discussion and research. Central to the discussion was the concern about indicators based on 1990 Census information which, in some cases, could not be updated on a county-by-county basis until the census in the year 2000. Other factors considered were the need for new indicators, the possibility of omitting other indicators, modifications to some indicators and a change in the construction of base year data.

NEW INDICATORS

Drug and alcohol use by school-age children was identified as an area of concern by members of both the Steering Committee and Data Subcommittee. This year, for the first time, we were able to obtain data to construct two new indicators concerning regular use of alcohol and use of other drugs: Percent Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol and Percent Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs. Although some school districts chose not to participate in the survey and not enough surveys were completed in other districts to make its county report statistically viable, the *Kids Count Steering Committee* felt that the data should be reported for counties for which there was reliable data.

Another new indicator utilizes data newly available from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services on children receiving various types of economic assistance. We count all children receiving assistance in any of 15 different categories to create a new indicator - Children Receiving Economic Assistance.

Additional information from the 1990 Census was added to the demographic section of the county report. For example, county and state percentages were reported for Children Under Age 6 with Parents in the Labor Force (both parents working or one parent working in single parent families).

OMITTED INDICATORS

The Percent Children in Single-Parent Families has been dropped from this data book. These data are available at the county level only in the decennial census and cannot be accurately estimated for an annual measure.

Juvenile Incarceration Rate has also been dropped from this year's data book and a similar measure has been dropped from the national *Kids Count Data Book*. At both levels it was felt that this measure was difficult to interpret and that Juvenile Arrest Rate was a better measure of social behavior and social control. Incarcerated youth are also counted in our state measure of Out-of-Home Placement.

The national *Kids Count Data Book* reports the Juvenile Violent Crime Arrest Rate; however, this data is not occurring in significant numbers to produce a meaningful rate for the majority of Kansas counties. The Steering Committee has recommended that this information be presented as a special report only for those counties where the data is meaningful.

Data for a second national *Kids Count* indicator, Teens Not in School and Not in the Work Force, is not available on a county-by-county basis in Kansas and, consequently, cannot be reported.

Finally, we have dropped the indicator High School Graduate Unemployment Rate. Rates found on this measure were simply too low for any meaningful interpretation of variation over time or across counties. We have retained our other indicator of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education or Training which captures the majority of graduates.

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BASE YEARS

The *1993 Kansas Kids Count Data Book* compared indicator scores from the most recent available year with a single base year. The base year varied by indicator and, in one case, no prior data were available. The most commonly used base year was 1980. Several problems exist with the use of a single base year in producing an annual analysis. Single year rates are more likely to be unreliable since they rely on less data. Comparisons of current rates with those ten years before provide a useful perspective, but will not be sensitive to changes from year-to-year as we track current trends.

For these reasons, a decision was made in collaboration with the Data Subcommittee to use a five-year moving average as our base year comparison in this, the 1994 Data Book, and in future data books. Thus, for many of our indicators which report 1992 data as the current year, the base rate used to assess trends is the average over the five year period 1987 through 1991. Next year the base years will become 1988 through 1992. Six years of data were not available for all indicators, however, this situation should improve as we continue to produce annual data books and work with cooperating agencies.

POPULATIONS ESTIMATES

Data used in the 1994 book range from 1987 to 1993. Many of the indicators reported here rely on census data for a population count which is used as the denominator in calculating a rate. For example, Child Death Rate is the number of deaths divided by the number of children ages 1 to 14. Actual counts of the number of children by age group in each county can only be obtained in the decennial census. Estimates of the current population were obtained using a standard mathematical extrapolation procedure. Data from the 1980 and 1990 census were used to compute an average annual growth rate. This rate was then employed to derive the current population estimates.

DATA ANALYSIS

Rates were not always calculated for each indicator in each year for some counties. While missing rates occasionally resulted from missing source data, more often, they are the result of a decision that the rate was not "meaningful". These are noted in the data by a "•". Any county which experiences at least one occurrence of an indicator event (e.g., an infant death) has a rate calculated.

To judge whether a zero occurrence was meaningful, we first calculated the expected frequency of the event in a given county based on the rate for the state as a whole. If the expected frequency is less than one, we do not report the rate and, thus, list only a "•". In this case, we are saying that there are simply too few occurrences of the event (e.g., births) due to small population numbers to have any expectation of the event in a single year.

If the expected frequency is less than one and the county experiences one or more occurrences of the event, we calculate and report a rate. In this case, we are saying that the event would be unlikely to occur in this county due to the small numbers of people and the fact that it did occur is noteworthy.
Nevertheless, many of these rates are based on very low occurrences of the underlying event and, as a result, may experience dramatic swings from year to year.

INTERPRETING INDICATOR RATES

This report provides several ways to judge the indicator score for a particular county.

- Decile ranks provide a comparison of the county relative to all other counties in the state. For all indicators, low decile scores indicate that the county does well compared to others while high decile scores indicate that the county does relatively poorly. A decile score of "1" indicates that the county is in the top 10 percent while a decile score of "10" indicates that the county is in the bottom 10 percent.
- A county's indicator score can also be compared with the state average of mean score. In this way, one can see if the county score is better or worse than average for the state as a whole. Given the wide diversity in demographics across the 105 Kansas counties, it may also be helpful to your county with other specific counties that you judge to be similar with respect to important variables such as size, income or geographic area.
- It is also important to compare current county indicator scores with past base year data to determine whether the situation is improving or getting worse for a specific indicator. Percent change over time is presented for all indicators with the exception of the two new ones: Children Receiving Economic Assistance and Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol or Who Have Used Other Drugs.

Discussion is already underway regarding indicator selection for the *1995 Kansas Kids Count Data Book*. Those who have a strong interest in current or proposed indicators are encouraged to contact the project director.

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DATA NOTES & SOURCES

Births with Early Prenatal Care is the percentage of births that are to women who started prenatal care in the first three months of their pregnancy. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Births for Mothers with Less than a High School Degree is the percent of live births that occur to women who have not received a high school degree as indicated on the birth certificate. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Births to Single Teens is the percentage of live births that occur to unmarried women under age 20. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Childhood Death, Ages 1-14 (per 100,000 children) is the number of deaths from all causes to children between the ages 1 and 14, per 100,000 children of those ages. Data regarding childhood deaths are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Total number of children is based on projections from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 1.

Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs is the percentage of students in grades 5 through 12, responding to a questionnaire, who indicate that they have used any of the following drugs: marijuana, cocaine, inhalants, LSD or steroids. Data are from the DCCCA Center (Lawrence) annual survey of schools. Schools and students participate on a voluntary basis. Counties in which less than 30 children per grade completed the survey are not reported. DCCCA Center staff set the limit at 30 to assure reliability of the county estimate. State totals are from all survey respondents and include data from omitted counties. Some counties chose not to participate in the survey.

Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol is the percentage of students in grades 5 through 12, responding to a questionnaire, who indicate that they use alcohol once a week or more often. Data are from the DCCCA Center (Lawrence) annual survey of schools. Schools and students participate on a voluntary basis. Counties in which less than 30 children per grade completed the survey are not reported. DCCCA Center staff set the limit at 30 to assure reliability of the county estimate. State totals are from all surveys respondents and include data from omitted counties. Some counties chose not to participate in the survey.

Children in Poverty is the percentage of related children under 18 who lived in families with incomes below the U.S. Poverty Threshold as defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. "Related children" include the family head's children by birth, marriage or adoption as well as other persons under age 18 who are related to the family head. In 1990, the poverty threshold for a one-parent family of four persons was $13,360. Data are from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1980 and 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 3.

Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2 is the percentage of children in kindergarten who were adequately immunized by age 2, based on a retrospective survey of immunization certificates at the time of enrollment in kindergarten. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Low Birth Weight Babies is the percentage of live births recorded as low birth weight. Babies of low birth weight are those who weigh under 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds) at birth. The data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Median Family Income is the median annual income for families. Families are two or more persons who are related by birth, marriage or adoption and who live together as one household. The median is the figure at which half the families have an income less than that amount and half have an income more than that amount. 1979 dollars are adjusted for inflation to reflect 1989 dollars. Data are from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1980 and 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 3.

Out-of-Home Placement is the number of children and youth who are in SRS custody and in placement outside their family of origin per 1,000 children and youth age 18 and under. Data are from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Data on total population under 18 are based on projections from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 1.

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Reported Child Abuse/Neglect (per 1,000) is the number of child abuse/neglect reports per 1,000 children under age 18. Data on child abuse/neglect reports are from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Data on total population under 18 are based on projections from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 1.

Students Graduating High School is the percentage of ninth grade public school students who graduated four years later. It is computed by taking the ninth grade enrollment, subtracting the number of dropouts in each of the next four years and then dividing that by ninth grade enrollment. Data are from the Kansas State Board of Education.

Teen Violent Deaths, Ages 15-19 (per 100,000 teens) is the number of deaths from homicides, suicides and accidents to teens between the ages of 15 and 19 per 100,000 teens of those ages. The data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Children Receiving Economic Assistance is the number of children receiving any form of cash assistance (adoption, AFDC regular, AFDC unemployed parent, foster care, general assistance or refugee), medical assistance (child in state institution, extended medical, pregnant women and children, medically needy, disabled medically needy families, SSI disabled, special pregnant women and children or work transition) or food stamps per hundred children under the age of 18. Each child receiving one or more forms of assistance is counted only once. The count is obtained from a single month (June, 1993) and is, therefore, not indicative of the total number of children receiving assistance during the entire year.

Confirmed Child Abuse/Neglect (per 1,000 children) is the number of confirmed cases of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children and youth under age 18. Data on child abuse/neglect cases are from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Data on total population under age 18 are based on projections from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 1.

Head Start Participation is the number of Head Start enrollment slots divided by the estimated number of children age 3-4 living in families with incomes below the U.S. poverty threshold (see "Percent Children in Poverty"). Rates are expressed as percentages. Data on Head Start enrollment slots are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region VII. Data on children in poverty are based on projections from the U.S. Census, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 3. These poverty data are reported for children age 5 and under and not for 3-4 years of age. The proportion of children 3-4 was calculated from the total population of children age 5 and under. This proportion was used to calculate the number of 3-4 year old children in poverty. [Note: Last year's book included 5 year olds in this measure. We have since learned that very few 5 year olds are participating in Head Start and have made a corresponding adjustment to the indicator.]

High School Graduate Post-Secondary Education is the percentage of the last year's high school graduating class which is enrolled in post-secondary education or training (four year college or university, two year college, other type of college or other non-college institution) five to six months after graduation. Data are from school districts' annual survey of graduates compiled by the Kansas Department of Education.

Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births) is the number of deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births. The data were provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000 children) is the number of juvenile arrests (all offenses) per 1,000 children and youths under the age of 18. Arrest data are from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. Data on total population under 18 are based on projections from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 1.

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